

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
February 15, 2012
Breedlove Land Planning Inc
Conyers, GA**

Those in attendance:

Jim Sloan
Guerry Thomas
Lauren Zdunczyk
Ben Ruzowicz
Joshua Escue
Reece Parker
Adena Fullard

Britt Faucette was not in attendance but sent an email to committee members containing his recommendations along with his vote on each item.

Ms. Zdunczyk called the meeting to order and stated that the focus of today's meeting will be to take a vote on the recommendations made by Mr Sprague of TRI.

Mr. Parker stated that he is in favor of the working item w/slopes of 3:1. Regarding the index testing Mr Parker asked what would happen in the event that some new products may come that index testing can't be done on. He also stated that he is in favor of indexing because it will be useful for quality control on current products. Mr. Parker also asked how we will verify that the quality of a product remains consistent.

Ms. Zdunczyk stated that this may be a question for the Attorney General. She also stated that GSWCC will ask for companies to submit testing results for their products.

Mr. Ruzowicz stated that companies should be required to meet a baseline before going on for further testing and suggested that companies be required to submit indexes and/or product properties. Mr. Sloan agreed with this suggestion.

The committee agreed that companies will go through an initial efficiency/index testing and they will be required to submit product literature to TRI at that time.

The committee discussed asking the Attorney General to give his opinion on any options, liabilities, or loopholes there may be in requiring people to certify/recertify their products.

Ms. Zdunczyk stated that if the efficiency of our test is met then they are ok to proceed. Ms. Zdunczyk asked if the group would be comfortable with companies using testing facilities other than TRI.

Ms. Zdunczyk also asked whether or not a company would be required to go through full testing again if changes or “improvements” are made to their product. The Committee discussed whether or not companies will be required to pay for their own testing.

Mr. Thomas suggested requiring companies to submit the types of testing they used to achieve their results. If any changes are made to the product then the same testing method should be used to show that the performance is still the same.

The committee decided to test the indexes on the products currently in the book. The committee agreed to use WK 11340 with a 3:1 slope.

Mr. Parker asked if labs will be required to have certification. Mr. Escue suggested they be required to certify that they are testing according to ASTM. Ms. Zdunczyk suggested they be given a list of specifications of how testing is to be done. Mr. Ruzowicz suggested requiring submittal of a video of the testing. The committee also discussed requiring products makers to sign a disclaimer saying they are not polluting water according to the Clean Water Act.

Mr. Ruzowicz expressed concern about companies being reluctant to pay for costly testing when they have new products or products that have failed testing. He is concerned that they will attempt to certify the product as an alternative BMP in order to avoid paying for testing. The committee discussed requiring companies to notify us prior to having products tested. Mr. Parker suggested that if a product fails the initial testing then it is not eligible for use as an alternative BMP. Ms. Zdunczyk stated that the commission needs to educate level 1B and II people on the alternative BMP process.

Regarding ASTM7351

Regarding ASTM7208 –Committee agreed to keep using the test but change the rate that water flows down and the do the test at 1 cfs.