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Minutes from the Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Task Force – Regulatory Working Group Meeting of August 21, 2001

The meeting was held in Conference Room 280, DEM Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street and began at approximately 8:10 a.m.

In attendance:

Russ Chateaufneuf, Susan Licardi, Rob Adler, Eugenia Marks, Alison Walsh, Kendra Beaver, Scott Moorehead, Tom D'Angelo, Deb Knauss

Review of Minutes from July 24, 2001

The minutes were accepted as presented.

It was agreed that the following be added to the recommendations to the Task Force concerning issues which require further discussion study as items number 27 and 28:

- Leachfield loading rates - The conditions under which time-dosing should be required must be studied.
- Sewage Flows – The issue of environmental and public health risks as a result of over-occupancy of rental homes overloading ISDS's requires additional discussion.

Status of Issues Proposed for Short-term Regulatory Change

The four recommendations to the Task Force, concerning issues which require further discussion will be added to the list, as indicated above and below.

- Phosphorous - Loading of phosphorous from septic systems needs to be evaluated for impacts on resources.
- Pathogens - Issues relating to transport and survivability/viability of pathogens from septic systems needs to be evaluated.

It was requested that additional notation be added to this document, to more comprehensively represent the content of the discussion.

Each of the 24 recommendations from the Task Force for (short-term) Regulatory Change was discussed. Modifications will be made to the Status of Issues Report as required. A modified Status Report, indicating the changes made, is attached to these minutes, for review.

Number 8 - Redefine unit of sizing (number of bedrooms) for residential systems

It was suggested that condos and senior citizens' housing should be allowed 2 bedroom systems, when these residential units are designed as 2 bedroom units.

Revised Fee Language

Russ informed the group that there has been in-house discussion exploring potential methods to shorten review time for variance applications. One option considered is to charge designers an additional review fee for any ISDS application which is *re-submitted* more than once. Accordingly, a designer would have one opportunity to address deficiencies and omissions. If that first re-submission had to be returned to the designer, the designer would have to submit an additional review fee, with the next submission for review of the application. No objection to this proposed change was expressed.

It was stated that the draft language would have to be discussed with the RIBA committee.

Attachments: "8/21/01_Status of Issues Proposed for Short-term Regulatory Change"

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, September 11, 2001 – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 280, DEM Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street