

December 8, 2004
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP)
Stormwater Manual Oversight Committee (OC)

DRAFT MINUTES

I. PADEP Announcements and Inputs

Ken Reisinger reported on the status of the Focus Group Review Process. Denny Stum is organizing 2 cycles of 6 regional meetings, with the first cycle in late January/early February and the second in late February/early March. The meetings are open to the public, including OC members. Initial response has been greatest in the Southeast and Southcentral Regions. PADEP will organize the results of the focus groups and review these results with the OC at the next March 29, 2005 meeting.

PADEP distributed hard copies (black/white) of the revised Pre-Draft Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Manual which has just been posted on the PADEP website.

II. Review of Ninth OC Meeting Minutes and Comments Received

Draft meeting minutes were approved with some comment (T. Stevens made a general comment that the proposed more rigorous stormwater requirements could be a hardship for very small land development proposals, such as single homes in rural areas.) J. Pillsbury also presented copies of a new multi-color stormwater poster that Westmoreland County Conservation District has recently commissioned; more copies are available.

III. Draft Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual Summary PowerPoint Presentation

Michele Adams, Cahill Associates, presented a condensed PowerPoint presentation, which provides a summary of each of the Pre-Draft Manual sections. Special attention is placed on Sections 5 and 6 (non-structural and structural Best Management Practices). This presentation can be used by PADEP and anyone else to summarize what the Manual is trying to do and how it goes about doing it.

There was some discussion concerning how responses would be made to comments from the OC members. Ken Reisinger concluded the discussion by saying that all comments should be submitted in writing and that the March 29 meeting will be used to respond to comments received thus far.

IV. Review of Section 9.0 Water Quality Methodology with Work Sheets

Tom Cahill, Cahill Associates, made a background water quality presentation that linked to the final portion of Section 9, addressing a recommended water quality methodology. Tom briefly summarized the draft water quality methodology and its various worksheets.

There was a fair amount of discussion concerning this topic. Questions included whether this procedure would be required for all projects; how would the existing conditions be determined; how accurate are the numbers that are used in the tables, etc.

V. Public Q & A

No additional comments were received from the audience.