

Standards Oversight Council
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2002
DATCP Headquarters, Room 172
Madison

Present: Gail Lisse, Paul Daigle, Pat Murphy, Pat Walsh, Ed Odgers,
Perry Lindquist, Rebecca Baumann, Tracy Briggs

Absent: Gordon Stevenson, Dan Scudder

General Business

- Public notice update
 - The legal implications of the public notice process were discussed and it was decided that SOC will leave it up to the individual custodian of each work team to determine whether or not they wish to public notice their meetings.
 - While the WDNR has decided that they feel it is important to public notice the SOC team meetings of which the WDNR is the custodian, the NRCS does not have any legal concerns and will not public notice their SOC meetings.
 - It was decided that if certain issues are of a particularly public and vociferous nature, those team meetings could possibly be public noticed.
 - Otherwise, anyone who is interested in attending team meetings can find this information posted on the SOC website.
- A letter from SOC requesting that the counties provide a service fee out of their 2003 budgets will be drafted and sent out soon.
 - The request will be accompanied with a SOC brochure, the most recent work plan, and a reference to the SOC website.
- WisDOT Participation
 - Tracy told the Council that she had added Dan Scudder to her mailing distribution list for the SOC Council and from now on he would receive information as an ad-hoc acting representative of the WisDOT on SOC.
- Work Team Updates
 - Stormwater Infiltration Team
 - The Council members discussed the Site Selection draft and reaffirmed that ultimately the Custodian of the Standard (WDNR) must decide that this standard is in the form that the agency wants to maintain once it is ready for finalization and publication.
 - **AR: Rebecca** agreed to raise this issue with Russ Rasmussen and Gordon who are the work team's agency / sponsor representatives for the Stormwater Infiltration Team.
 - Nutrient Management Team (590)
 - Pat explained that the team's work is finished and only the final custodial decisions are left to be made. At the state level, the NRCS standards must conform to the national standards; otherwise an official variance at the state level must be requested.

- Pat expected that it will be mid-July by the time training for the nutrient management planning will be rolled out using Equip dollars.
- The Council decided to add a 6-month implementation review of the 590 standard to the Work Plan.
 - This would be slated for January, possibly only take one or two meetings, and would likely include the team leaders of the work team and some other members of the existing 590 work team.
- Polymer Team
 - The team should be ready to send their water application out for an initial review August or September.

Review of the SOC Handbook and the Work Plan

- The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing the work plan and the Handbook in readiness for publication and distribution.
- A Hydraulically Applied Products team has been added to the SOC work plan, and it was suggested that WisDOT could possibly act as custodian of the standard, since Gil Layton from WisDOT has been so vocal regarding the need for SOC to develop this standard.
 - This work team will likely include DOT people from Minnesota and Michigan.
- The work plan for the coming year will be very full and may be challenging for the SOC Coordinator to keep on top of alone. Additional support staff may be required.
 - It was suggested that a part-time staff person might be hired to work with the Coordinator if WisDOT decides to become a fully active and supportive member of SOC.
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