

Standards Oversight Council

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2005

DATCP, Madison

Present: Mark Jenks, Gail Lisse, Pat Murphy, Bruce Olson, Bruce Webendorfer, Ed Odgers, Mike Murray

Absent: Gordon Stevenson, Lynita Docken, Rebecca Baumann

New meetings are scheduled for Aug. 5, and Sept. 30 at DATCP.

AR: Ed reserve meeting rooms for 9:00 - 12:00.

The May meeting minutes and action register were reviewed.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Cooperating SOC Agencies

It was decided to create a draft SOC cooperating agency MOA that includes the Dept. of Commerce. Commerce's responsibilities will be equal to the other agencies (pending their acceptance). Other minor changes to the language were suggested and will be incorporated. It was decided that the variance process is covered in the Technical Standards Process Handbook and does not need to be stated in the MOA. The draft MOA will need to be sent through each of the agencies legal departments prior to completion. **AR: Mike** make MOA modifications, send to SOC for review, ask Dept of Comm. for a preliminary review.

Work Team Review

AR: Mike send list of the work teams and their members.

Milking Center Wastewater Team – The standard has been completed. Work is progressing on the companion documents, completion this summer is optimistic. Likely, NRCS will release the new standard and companion document together.

580 Team – Potential conflicts between the lakes portion of NR 238 and 580 are being worked on. Broad review comments are being evaluated and revisions to existing companion documents started. New companion documents and specifications will be created as well.

590 Team – This group has finished work on the revision of 590 (without making major changes to the draft that was sent to public hearing), and refining the Tech Note to provide more guidance to planners. The new DATCP-DNR Manure Management Taskforce may produce recommendations that could somehow influence 590 in future. Potentially DATCP may only cite parts of 590 in ATCP 50 and 51, but for the delivery of conservation programs NRCS will require the entire standard be followed.

Feed Storage Leachate Team – This group had their first meeting. There is currently no national NRCS standard and what this team drafts may be adopted nationally. Drew Zelle, DATCP, is being sent to the Iraq war. It is felt that he will not be replaced because he is one of two DATCP team members.

313 Team – This team will meet once again to review items brought up at the statewide training sessions and how to deliver correct information to the users. The group will also discuss a HDPE facility that had a problem involving a tear at the ramp/liner interface, plus other HDPE related questions.

Channel Team – Progress is being made on a companion document for selecting the appropriate tech standards when designing an erosion control plan. Mike is still having difficulty getting DNR to move on the remaining standards.

Lawn Nutrient Management Team – Progress in creating criteria is being made. Trainings to coincide with the standards finalization are foreseen. **Parking Lot:** New standards and training – How should SOC be involved? Can SOC generate income? Potential for multi-state initiatives (i.e. feed storage leachate).

Stormwater Infiltration Team – Finalization of the Vegetated Infiltration Swale standard remains uncertain.

The proposed Proprietary Stormwater Device Team – DNR and Dept. of Comm. are having discussions about what this standard should entail. At this point a joint custodianship is being discussed by the agencies. Mike is waiting for the agencies to finalize their agreements with each other before calling for the work team's formation.

SOC Distribution List

It was agreed to convert the hardcopy mailing list to email in the future.

AR: SOC Review email distribution list passed out at the meeting. Provide Mike the names of any other individuals and organizations that should be included.

Technical Standards Assessment

The format of the assessment is adequate. The standards designated as other were slotted into categories where they best fit. It was agreed not to include the following standards in the upcoming work plan unless the user group requests otherwise.

- Composting and animal mortality. **AR: Pat** is there a national standard or reference for composting / animal mortality? And double check the older NRCS standards for any issues.
- Pathogen management was removed because no one has a clear idea of how to deal with the issue.
- Standard 362 Diversion - no specific need for revision is known.

Timeline – A pre-survey notice will be sent now. A week later the assessment will be sent to the user group and posted on the SOC website. A three week deadline will be given; reminders will be sent. SOC will review the responses at the August 5th meeting. **AR: Mike** revise the standards assessment and send to the SOC. **AR: SOC** review assessment draft and respond to Mike.

Agency Reports

NRCS – The redesign of the EQUIP program’s method for distributing funds, and the relationship between CNMP and 590 are generating some controversy.

DATCP – The budget for DNR and DATCP bonding money was cut by the Joint Finance Committee. Revisions to the proposed Siting legislation are starting to be rolled out and will soon be made public. The odor standards are currently being tested at existing farms. Members of the DNR-DATCP manure management taskforce were recently made public. The working lands initiative was just announced as well.

DNR – The NR 243 rewrite is complete and will be sent to the board. New technologies for manure handling are being discussed. **AR: Ed** send info regarding the Bio-cycles conference in Madison on Sept. 12-14.

WALCE – Members have been involved in the NR 238 revision. WALCE is also requesting involvement in manure management taskforce or its support team.

Action Register

SOC Review email distribution list passed out at the meeting. Provide Mike the names of any other individuals and organizations that should be included.

SOC review standards assessment draft and respond to Mike.

Ed send info regarding the Bio-cycles conference in Madison on Sept. 12-14.

Mike make MOA modifications, send to SOC for review, ask Dept of Comm. for a preliminary review.

Mike send list of the work teams and their members.

Mike revise the standards assessment and send to the SOC.

Pat is there a national standard or reference for composting / animal mortality? And double check the older NRCS standards for any issues.

Parking Lot

Parking Lot: New standards and training – How should SOC be involved? Can SOC generate income? Potential for multi-state initiatives (i.e. feed storage leachate).