

Standards Oversight Council

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2005

DATCP, Madison

Present: Lynita Docken, Mark Jenks, Gail Lisse, John Ramsden, Mike Murray, Ed Odgers
Absent: Gordon Stevenson, Pat Murphy, Bruce Olson, Bruce Webendorfer, Rebecca
Baumann

Department of Commerce

How technical standards are developed, used by the various agencies, cited in codes and cost share agreements, and a brief history of SOC was reviewed. While the SOC process is highly viewed, some questions regarding the level of benefits the Dept of Comm. would gain from joining SOC remain. The Dept. of Commerce tech manuals are very specific to their agency and Commerce typically relies on national standards organizations (i.e. ASTM, National Sanitation Foundation [NSF]) for their development. The development through SOC of the DNR stormwater standards has provided benefit to Commerce, and more crossover is expected in the future, notably the proposed DNR proprietary stormwater device standard. Commerce is interested in joining but currently no money is budgeted.

- Developing a method to compare and approve proprietary stormwater devices is an important issue with Commerce, and they are interested in seeing this standard developed. It was brought to attention that other national organizations (NSF etc.) write documents for similar devices (i.e. septic systems) to what the DNR is proposing. The DNR has contacted individuals to participate on the scientific and manufacture committees and asked them to review the DNR research. The DNR wishes to form a team immediately. **AR: Lynita** check if the NSF is working on anything similar to the proposed proprietary stormwater device technical standard.
 - There was a thought that Commerce could be the custodian agency for this standard because these devices are regulated by their codes. **AR: Lynita and Gordon** discuss which agency should be custodian of the proprietary stormwater device standard.

We agreed to move ahead with the expectation that Commerce will join SOC. The SOC memorandum of agreement (MOU) will need to be revised. **AR: Mike** send all a copy of the SOC MOU. The responsibilities of Commerce, both financial and otherwise, will be discussed at the next meeting. Potential changes to the SOC budget will be reviewed as well.

Active NRCS Work Teams

- Milking Center Wastewater Treatment Team– The team is responding to broad review comments. Work on the companion document remains to be completed.
- 580 Team – The team is responding to broad review comments. The existing companion documents will be updated and new ones added.
- 590 Team – The team has reformed and began evaluating the technical comments submitted during the ATCP 50 and 51 hearings. It is expected 590 will be finalized by July. The team agreed to default to the DNR-DATCP manure spreading taskforce that is being formed to deal with winter application restrictions.
- Feed Storage Area Runoff Control – The team has been formed and the first meeting is May 23.
- 313 Team – Questions that arose during the trainings and their corresponding answers may be turned into a companion document.

Active DNR Work Teams

- Lawn Nutrient Management – The group is beginning to draft criteria.
- Stormwater Infiltration – The Vegetative Infiltration Swale draft has still not been finalized.

- Channel Team – The team leader remains overworked and unable to commit time to this work team. Questions and concerns, mainly related to DNR program implementation, have arisen with some of the newly created Blue Book replacement standards. We will probably hear about these in the standards assessment. This is what remains to be finished:
 - Silt Curtain and Turbidity Barrier drafts – Minor edits and send for broad review
 - Sediment Basin and Dewatering drafts – Minor edits then send for initial review
 - Channel Erosion Mat standard is complete and can be posted on the DNR webpage
 - Sediment Trap and Ditch Check standards will be posted once the detail drawings are finished.

General Issues

Over the past few years the SOC distribution list has been updated to incorporate more urban technical standard users. It is thought that the list may be expanded further with the inclusion of zoning administrators and others. It is important to make the additions prior to sending the standards assessment. The list will be reviewed at the next meeting.

A way to recognize the contributions of county staff by waiving SOC dues was discussed. The staff time to work on a standards team is much more valuable than a \$350 dollar contribution. Formal recognition for the contributions of work team members will become policy. Sending a recognition letter/certificate to the team member and their supervisor will be done. **AR: Ed** will reimbursing county staff for (lunch & travel stipend) conflict with the DATCP grant?

- To date 10 counties have contributed funding and three counties have confirmed they are not paying.

Three new National NRCS standards – Waste Treatment (629), Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (591), and Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility (632) – are being adopted for Wisconsin and placed in the FOTG. Political pressure is driving the adoption of these standards so that USDA grant money can be distributed. The technology to back up the standards is not quite up to par and it is expected a team will be needed at some unknown point in the future.

Ranking of Some Standards on the Work plan

AR: Mike why was the Diversion (362) standard highlighted for revision during the last standards assessment? The thought was it is related to urban practices. A new DNR standard for construction site diversion was developed last year.

Phase I

- The Proprietary Stormwater Device Work Team is the next to be formed. Mike Beckwith with Commerce should be involved. SOC is hesitant of starting new a DNR team because of the delays in finishing the standards being created by the existing DNR teams.
- Fence (382) – A team is needed for a smaller revision to reflect new materials. Code revision will follow.

Phase II

- Liquid Land Application of Manure – The team will not form until after DNR-DATCP taskforce stemming from the ATCP 50 hearing has completed their work. Note possible revision to 590.
- Roof Runoff Structure (558) will be a short revision. References to the plumbing codes are probably needed.

Phase III

- Infiltration Trench – Developing this standard is of secondary importance to Commerce because their codes were recently written. By the next code revision this standard

should be developed. Until new standard is written it is thought the DNR could follow at the material outlined in the Commerce Code.

- Standards for Manure Odor Control, Agricultural Related Air Emissions, and Alternate Manure Management Systems are projects that may be needed in future.

Technical Standards Assessment

The format for the needs assessment will remain similar to that which was sent in 2003. A few things will be added to enhance responses and encourage written explanations. When a standard is checked as needing revision we want the reviewer to provide a written explanation why. The timeline is to send the assessment after the next meeting and complete the work plan in August.

- The DNR standards will be listed separately from the NRCS standards
- The idea of blocking off the standards that have been recently revised, or in progress, and those that will be on the work plan was discussed. Other standards organizations do this. This would more directly point the reviewers to standards that have not already been noted as a concern.
- Adding a place to check if the standard would benefit from additional training was suggested.
- A space for the submitters name and organization will be added.
- **AR: Mike** draft technical standards assessment for the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- Changes to MOU – include Dept. of Comm.
- SOC budget – with and without Commerce funding.
- SOC contact distribution list – update with new users
- Technical standards assessment
- Who will be custodian for the Proprietary Devices Standard? – DNR or Comm.?

Action Register

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