

## Standards Oversight Council

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2005

DATCP, Madison

Present: Lynita Docken, Ed Odgers, Pat Murphy, Gail Lisse, Mark Jenks, Mike Murray,  
Rebecca Baumann

Absent: Bruce Olson, Bruce Webendorfer, Gordon Stevenson

Future meetings are scheduled for Sept. 30 and Nov. 10, **AR: Ed** reserve room for Nov. 10.

The June meeting minutes and action register were revisited. A national NRCS standard is in place for composting mortalities. The past interest expressed to SOC related to the structures where composting occurs.

### Work Teams

Milking Center Wastewater – The standard has been completed. A draft companion document is being reviewed by the team. **AR: Pat** ask JR about training needs

580 – The broad review comments were responded to and a final draft standard was prepared. The Team is updating existing companion documents, creating new companion documents and specifications.

590 – Soon DATCP will post the final draft on their website. In Sept 590 will be sent to the Ag Board along with ATCP 50. NRCS plans to use the final draft for EQUIP and their other programs. Although varying somewhat from the standard SOC process the revision was accomplished without compromising the intent of the SOC process.

Leachate – The team visited the leachate system being constructed at the Lake Breeze Dairy. The details of the criteria are starting to be worked out.

313 – Team members are meeting on Aug, 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss items brought up during the trainings and to evaluate potential improvements regarding HDPE plastic liners (313 and Spec 202). This is a quality improvement meeting and will not likely prompt major changes to the 313.

Lawn Nutrient Management – The team is selecting criteria. The type of companion documents to accompany the standard is yet to be determined – modify existing UWEX publications or create a new document for DNR. Training will likely be needed once the standard is completed.

Channel/Sediment – The draft Dewatering standard was sent for initial review. Concern over the regulatory implications of this standard caused delays in the past, and must still be dealt with. The Silt Curtain and Turbidity Barrier draft standards were sent for broad review. Mike revised the detail drawings because the team was unable to furnish them. The Sediment Basin Draft must be updated before being sent for initial review.

The final version of the Channel Erosion Mat standard is ready for publication (since 7-04) along with the Ditch Check standard (draft language finished 9-03, & now that Mike created a drawing it is finished). The Sediment Trap draft can be published once the detail drawing is updated (text finished 12-04). **AR: Mike** send a summary regarding the status of the remaining Blue Book standards.

Stormwater Infiltration – The Vegetated Infiltration Standard has not been published. The work team finished this standard in Oct. 2004. No word on the status of potential DNR modifications to code related language in the draft or to the technical criteria.

Proprietary Stormwater Devices – Commerce and DNR plan to have joint custodianship of the standard because the pertinent codes split authority between the agencies. A set of agreements on the scope and integration of the new standard into agency programs, plus arrangements for future revisions are being made between Comm and DNR. After the standard is completed both agencies must evaluate the joint custodianship process. **Parking Lot:** Can SOC become the holder of standards? Potentially this could be done if there are problems in the future. Then agencies could cite SOC standards similar to how ASTM standards are cited.

#### Tech Standards Process Handbook

The Handbook is being revised to better outline the companion document editor's responsibilities, incorporate Commerce, and a few other minor edits. It was agreed that SOC should not be responsible for keeping copies of all the standards. This responsibility falls to the custodian of the standard. SOC agreed to adopt the proposed joint custodianship guidelines. **AR: SOC** review and comment on changes to the Handbook.

#### MOA Draft #2

**AR: Mike** send clean and strike out versions of the revised MOA. **AR: SOC Members** Ask respective legal departments to review updated MOA.

What about WisDOT joining? It was proposed to send a copy of the revised MOA to WisDOT, and offer to meet with them and discuss joining SOC. **AR: Mike** send letter and draft MOA to Dan Scudder and CC WisDOT employees who have been involved with SOC. **AR: Lynita** follow up call with WisDOT.

#### Tech Standards Assessment

There was a low response from the user group likely due to the time of year (construction). More frequently asking for assessment of smaller subsets of the standards was discussed. Other standards organizations break up their surveys into smaller blocks of standards. Generally, blocks of standards are then surveyed on staggered cycles. Adopting this approach may generate larger responses.

#### Discussion points:

- 393 Filter Strip – Consider after final recommendations of the Buffer Council have been submitted.
- DNR Polymer standards, 1050 and Interim 1051 – There is a need to review both standards. Mary Anne Lowndes reconvened the work team members plus a few others to discuss potential changes.
- Wet Detention Basin, 1001 – The addition of artificial wetland material was requested, plus a few other items. The National NRCS standard Constructed Wetland may be useful to review.
- New urban stormwater standards – A higher number of urban standards were requested during the assessment. This could be because SOC has dealt with many of the big agricultural issues over the past 3-5 years. Standards for porous pavement, infiltration trenches and rain gardens were requested.
- Standards that address antibiotics, growth hormones, endocrine disrupters and the like were briefly discussed. Comm. is starting to look at this topic. Currently the issue is basically just acknowledged and not much is required.

It was decided to propose a ranked list of standard for the work plan and solicit further input from select groups. **AR: Mike** type and send ranked list of standards for the next work plan. **AR: Ed** solicit NRCS and DATCP engineers for input. **AR: Mark** solicit WALCE Tech Committee for input.

#### Agency Reports

DNR – NR 243 will be sent to hearing. DNR has received a grant for P8, also the Becalm model (the barny replacement) is being worked on.

WLWCA – Budget issues are taking most of Rebecca’s time. A legislative committee has been formed that is half supervisors and half county conservationists.

WALCE – The Tech Committee is planning a tour for conservation technical staff.

DATCP – 590 will be sent to the board along with ATCP 50 in Sept. Portions of ATCP 51 remain contentious. The DATCP–NRCS Engineering meeting and tour is set for Oct 4-6 in the northwest (Spooner or Hayward).

NRCS – The second CSP signup was completed and the Farm Bill debate is ramping up. EQUIP may reverse courses and change back to a national ranking system. The recommendations of the DATCP-DNR Manure Management Taskforce may be used to construct guidance for 590 planners.

Comm – Education has been the main focus as Comm moves to make all their continuing education courses available online. In September the Comm stormwater and erosion control rules will be sent to hearing. UDC enforcement is also a pressing issue. It was noted that Minnesota is rewriting their stormwater manual

Next meeting: MOA, WisDOT, DNR standards, work plan, feedback from the public sector engineers and WALCE

### **Action Register**

**SOC Members** Ask respective legal departments to review updated MOA.

**SOC** review and comment on changes to the Handbook.

**Ed** reserve room for Nov. 10.

**Ed** solicit NRCS and DATCP engineers for input.

**Pat** ask JR about training needs for the Milking Center Wastewater standard.

**Lynita** follow up call with WisDOT re joining SOC.

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