

NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

July 10, 2007
Meeting Highlights

Location:

New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Conference Room, 3131 Princeton Pike, Office Building 6, Suite 201, Lawrenceville, New Jersey

Attendees:

Members: Ferdows Ali, Jim Cosgrove, Russ Furnari, Amy Goldsmith, Pamela Goodwin, Mary Beth Koza, Tony McCracken, Lou Mason Neely, James Requa, Jessica Sanchez, Dan Van Abs, and Ray Zabihach

Others: Helen Heinrich, Richard Kropp, Narinder Ahuja, Stan Cach, Larry Thornton, and Gerry Skrajewski

The meeting was convened by Pamela Goodwin at 10:20 a.m. The meeting was then moved to another conference room for the GIS Powerpoint Presentation.

Larry Thornton, the Geographic Information Coordinator for the NJDEP, gave a presentation on GIS and on what data and tools are available to the public on the Internet. The major agenda items included:

- GIS Data Downloads (on the Internet);
- NJDEP i-MapNJ Series (on the Internet);
- Business Portal Viewer (on the Internet);
- The Future: NJ-GeoWeb (in development);
- New Data Initiatives (in production).

The first three items are currently on the Internet and can be located at www.nj.gov/dep/gis. The second two items are glimpses Larry gave about the future of GIS on the web and about new data layers in production including 2007 digital imagery of the State.

The CWC was thankful for the Presentation and found it very useful.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2007 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

DEP UPDATES:

The CWC asked Narinder Ahuja if there were any recent and significant Personnel changes in the Department. Also, they wanted an update on the status of rule making, and also they wanted to know if there is anything new on the horizon.

Personnel changes – none that we are aware of at this time.

Here are some of the Rules the Department is working on:

- NJPDES Rule Re-adoption with Amendments - The CWC asked if it could have a briefing and discussion on the NJPDES Rules. Narinder explained that a stakeholder/public meeting was already held and the established schedule for rule adoption does not leave enough time to accommodate this request. Narinder will provide a copy of the Powerpoint Presentation used at the Stakeholder Meeting for the CWC Members.
- Mercury Amalgam Rule – The Department has proposed a Rule to reduce the amount of mercury released into the environment. The rule requires dentists to properly manage dental amalgam waste and install amalgam separators. The DEP is in the process of reviewing the comments received.
- PCB Rules - The Department has recently adopted new rules aimed at reducing levels of PCBs in those waterways that are identified as impaired by PCBs. Beginning this fall, major wastewater treatment facilities (municipal and industrial) will be required to monitor their dischargers for the presence of PCBs (using a highly sensitive testing method). Those facilities which are found to be discharging at excessive levels, will be required to implement Pollutant Minimization Plans.
- Grace Period Rules are being adopted (Enforcement Rules).
- Changes to Water Quality Standards – Proposed (includes additional C-1 designation).
- Water Supply Master Plan Status - (See Summary Attached).

OLD BUSINESS:

The Topic for the Clean Water Council Public Hearing is Infrastructure. There is an Ad Hoc Subcommittee chaired by Dan Van Abs. The Subcommittee met in the morning prior to the regular CWC Meeting. Dan updated the Council on what was discussed at the meeting, and further discussion was held regarding individuals who would be best for the panel. Dan will be sending out a new e-mail to the Members for their review and comment.

Copies of the Clean Air Council Website were distributed to the Members so that they could look at the format to see if we want to revamp the CWC Website in a similar fashion. Please let Stan know any comments/input you want to be considered as the Website is updated. Stan said that staff has already begun working on updating content on the Website. Also, the Members/ Contacts information sheets were distributed so that the members could review the current information and update where appropriate.

Report of the By-laws Review Committee: Copies of the By-laws were distributed. If you have any comments, questions or objections, please let the By-laws Committee know because if they don't hear from anyone, the By-laws should appear on the next Agenda as an approval item.

Report of Education Event Planning Committee: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce has appointed Albert Lundgren as their representative on the Clean Water Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will not be a CWC Meeting in August.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

**** THE NEXT MEETING of the Clean Water Council will be on September 11, 2007, beginning at 9:30 A.M. at the:**

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