

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

September 11, 2007

### Meeting Highlights

#### **Location:**

Bristol-Meyers Squibb Company, Hopewell Facility, 311 Pennington-Rocky Hill Road, Pennington, New Jersey

#### **Attendees:**

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

**Others:** Helen Heinrich, Chris Sturm, Stan Cach, and Gerry Skrajewski

**The meeting was convened by Russ Funari at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mary Beth Koza announced that Bristol-Meyers Squibb staff would give a Power Point Presentation to the Council Members because the tour of the facility was canceled because of the inclement weather.**

#### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Minutes were approved as distributed. Lou Neely made the Motion to approve the Minutes, and Dan Van Abs seconded the Motion.

#### **DEP UPDATES:**

Stan Cach gave the DEP update. He told the Council that Narinder would be unable to attend today's CWC Meeting. Stan said that since the last meeting, the Department approved 92 environmental infrastructure projects totaling approximately \$520 million. This was the largest pool of projects and the largest amount of money ever certified in one year of the 20 years of the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program. Also, a public hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2007 for the Clean Water Proposed Priority System. The Public Notice will be sent to the Clean Water Council Members.

The Council requested that representatives of the Department attend the next Council meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> and update the Council on the proposed Freshwater Wetlands Regulations and the proposed Surface Water Quality Standards. Stan said that he'll invite Director Tom Micai, Division of Land Use Regulation, and Debra Hammond, Water Monitoring and Standards, to the next Council Meeting to speak on these issues. Stan will have to check their schedules.

Water Supply Master Plan – the State is releasing the Rule in Chapters and holding State-wide Stakeholders Meetings. A Representative from the Division of Water Supply will update the Council at an upcoming meeting about the status of Critical Area 1.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dan Van Abs told the Council that he has a new job at the Highlands Council and will be unable to continue his duties as Chairperson of the Public Hearing Ad Hoc Committee. However, Dan did update the Council. The Draft Flyer had been distributed to the Council Members for comment and since no further comments have been received, Dan recommended that it be approved for distribution. It was unanimously approved. Stan said that the Department is updating the Web-site address and that it will be done shortly. The Flyers will be distributed electronically.

A discussion was held regarding the Speakers for the Public Hearing. Some Speakers have been confirmed, but there are still quite a few openings remaining that need to be filled. Mary Beth Koza agreed to take over the responsibility of coordinating the finalization of the Speakers/Agenda for the CWC Public Hearing.

PR for Public Hearing – It was recommended that once we have the agenda for the CWC Public Hearing set, we should circulate it to the same list that received the original flyer. This would also serve as a reminder to people. The CWC Public Hearing Notice and Agenda will be posted on the DEP Website and given to the DEP Press Office.

Chairperson Pam Goodwin thanked Dan for his efforts as Chairperson of the Public Hearing Ad Hoc Committee.

***Report of the By-laws Review Committee:*** Copies of the By-laws, with revisions, were e-mailed to Members with the Minutes/Agenda for September's meeting. Russ Furnari said that he hasn't heard back any comments on the changes. The two major changes were to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and that the Chair, Vice Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair positions would be for a two-year term. It was recommended that the By-laws be approved with the revisions. They were unanimously approved.

***Report of Education Event Planning Committee:*** No Report. However, discussion was held that if the CWC wants to hold an Educational Seminar in the Spring, we need to start planning now. We'll need to agree on a Topic, etc. Also, a recommendation was made that the Council Members find Sponsors to off-set the cost of the Seminar.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bristol-Myers Squibb Presentation:

Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) Company is a worldwide pharmaceutical and related health care products company whose mission is to extend and enhance human life by providing the highest quality pharmaceutical and related health care products. The BMS Hopewell 433-acre campus offers 1,000,000 square feet of laboratories, office space, and computing facilities in support of the BMS mission. As embodied in the BMS corporate pledge, the Company maintains a steadfast commitment to protecting the environment. This commitment is notably demonstrated at BMS' Hopewell campus through its innovative watershed approach to environmental management. Recognizing the importance of water resources in the region, BMS' watershed management approach directs how the campus obtains, uses, treats, reuses, and ultimately discharges water. Use of the watershed management approach at the Hopewell Campus allows BMS to integrate its business goals with its commitment to the environment and promises more efficient resource use and stewardship of natural resources.

Chairperson Pam Goodwin thanked Mary Beth Koza for the Presentation and allowing the CWC Members to hold their monthly meeting at the Bristol-Meyers Squibb Facility. It was commented that it is certainly an impressive wastewater treatment facility.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**\*\* The Clean Water Council Meeting scheduled for October 9, 2007, has been CANCELED. The next CWC Council meeting will be held on November 13, 2007 beginning at 10:00 A.M., at the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, Building 6, Suite 201, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ \*\***

**\*\*\* The Clean Water Council of New Jersey conducts its Public Hearing on October 23, 2007, at NJDEP's Public Hearing Room at 9:00 am.**