

CROSS CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD

Eighth Public Meeting

Wednesday June 20th, 2007
9:00 AM to 11:00
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 1-C
Portland OR 97232
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Agenda

I. Call to Order / Welcome

Ron Hall called the meeting to order at 9:05. He introduced himself and said that he would be serving as DHS staff for the meeting. Steve West, Chairperson, welcomed attendees and thanked them for their willingness to start at 9 am.

II. Introductions - Board and attendees

Those in attendance were Steve West, EWED, Jerry Thomas, United Pipe, Mary Howell and Kate Mattimore from BMI, Ron Hall, DHS and Becky Slabaugh of Wilkins. Monica Anderson had made a late request to be conference called into the meeting but there wasn't time to make those arrangements as the conference room was without a phone. Since there was not a quorum, Steve said that the meeting would have to be conducted as a sub-committee but would not be able to function officially as the Advisory Board.

III. Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2007 meeting

Ron Hall presented minutes from the March 9 meeting but acknowledged that they were incomplete in that the tapes from the March meeting had been misplaced and not transcribed due to the resignation of Dewey Darold. He noted that he hoped to locate the tapes and transcribe the relevant portions and to submit them for the Boards review and approval. Meanwhile, the incomplete notes will be posted on the website.

IV. DHS Reports

2007 ASR Results/Statistics: Ron reported that 596 had been received reflecting a 69% compliance rate. There was a short discussion on compliance trends with Ron noting that they have been improving. In response to why, Kate noted several reasons: because of the annual invoice, PWSs are more aware of their xcc responsibilities; that compliance with the ASR is required for systems seeking funding from the SRF loan fund, and ASRs are being addressed during

sanitary surveys by state and county field staff. Ron added that the Circuit Rider program is assisting with developing an ordinance and assuring ASR compliance. Ron said that having violations show up on the SIDWIS would be helpful too but because xcc is not part of the EPA program, it's not in the SIDWIS system and has to be added by the DWP. He noted that the issue has been raised and hopefully by the end of the year, violations can be reflected on the website.

2007 Legislative Update: Ron reported that the DWP been very successful a the legislature with the passage of three key bills (all discussed by Gail Shibley at the March 9 meeting). HB 2187 established a sanitary survey fee to allow the DWP to secure the final bit of funding allowable from EPA under the primacy contract. Workgroups will be convening shortly to establish the fees. HB 5032 authorized the fees that the DWP had established for xcc, operator certification and plan review. Ron noted this was an additional review that had been established to keep agency fee setting under control. SB 156 establishes the Drinking Water Advisory Board in statute. The bill identifies that various interests that intersect with the DWP, including "organizations representing plumbers or backflow testers". There was a short discussion as to what role the Board might play in nominating someone. In response to a question from Mary Howell, Ron clarified that the work of this Board would continue but that its interest now had a seat at the Advisory Board. Steve suggested that the Board revisit this at the next meeting.

Dewey's Resignation: Ron acknowledged that Dewey had resigned, effective June 1 in order to take a position in the Soils Dept at Yamhill Co. Recruitment will begin asap. There was a discussion and consensus among the members present that administrative skills to keep the program organized and moving were more important than technical knowledge which could be accumulated over time. Ron said he agreed with that assessment and would take it under advisement.

Pat Dorning's Resignation: Pat, who represented public water suppliers, submitted his resignation effective May 15 due to personal reasons. He did offer the names of a couple possible replacements. The DWP will consider those suggestions in making the future appointments in accordance with provisions of the by-laws.

V. Old Business - Committee Reports

- a. **Repair (Ron & Pat):** In Ron and Pat's absence, there was a general discussion around who can repair devices. Steve opined that the legislation allowing landscape contractors to repair opened that door. He noted that in the '80's, it had always been a "test and repair" program but that when fees were established in the '90s, the plumbers' union eliminated "repair" authority for testers from the bill resulting in the current situation. Reports of testers repairing devices are referred to the Plumbing Board for followup. Kate noted that there was a time when DHS was telling testers they could repair, resulting in complaints from plumbers and confusion and that still exists in the field. BMI makes it clear at training that they cannot. There was interest in moving this issue forward and Terry agreed to talk to Ron and #290 to discuss. Kate suggested talking to individual members of the plumbing board as well. Steve said he would talk with Terry Swisher and invite him to come and discuss the issue with the Board.
- b. **ASR (Mary Howell):** There was discussion on the updated ASR form Mary had worked on as being more useable and valuable than the current document in use by DHS. It was decided to remove # of failures and # of repairs from the summary sheet. Kate asked what the state was doing with the data. Ron responded that it is being entered into a database but that no analysis of data was currently being done, only compliance data is being generated. Mary noted that Washington has an excellent compliance program for ASRs that could serve as a model. Mary suggested that Specialists training should focus on water quality

issues resulting from BF problems and that EPA believes that up to 50% of illnesses in PWSs are related to xcc/bf problems.

- c. **Guidance Document (Ron Robertson)**: no report
- d. **Statewide Guidelines**: no report
- e. **Training & 3rd Party Certification (Unassigned)**: no report
- f. **Gauge Calibration (Jerry)**: the committee agreed that there were gauge calibration issues worthy of discussion and proposed a workgroup of Garret, Elmer and Ray with Monica leading.
- g. **OAR Rule Revision (OESAC Approval For Specialist Update Training)**: upon further review, it was agreed that current language requiring OESAC review/approval for CEU training should remain as it is.

VI. New Business

1. **Plumbing Board Meeting (Code Revisions)**: Kate passed out a summary of proposals made to the Plumbing Board on behalf of OCCSRS pertaining to chapter 6 of the Code. Accepted suggestions were: 1) clarifying that the local water purveyor had authority to determine testing frequencies; and 2) proposal to add the spill-resistant vacuum breaker to the assemblies appropriate for irrigation system protection; 3) requirement that an RP be installed on a carbonator. Kate noted that more work is needed to follow the rulemaking process through to completion and estimated that would be April '08 for final adoption. The Board also agreed to replace "periodic" testing with "annual" testing for devices..
2. **DCBS Tester Certification Update**: The Board acknowledged OCCSRS's written criticism (Feb 15, '07) of its earlier rulemaking on plumber certification for BF. Steve will followup with the Board on the issues raised.
3. **Dewey's Replacement**: see DHS report summary
4. **Pat's Replacement**: Ron expressed appreciating that Pat had provided a couple of suggested names for replacement and thought that it will be relatively easy to get a PWS representative. Steve noted that the bylaws

govern the process and Ron will followup with the DWP
end of things.

VII. Correspondence: none received

VIII. Public Comment: none received

IX. **Adjournment:** The next meeting was set for Sept 7 in
Portland with time and place tba. The meeting adjourned at
10:50.