

# **CROSS CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD**

## **Six Public Meeting**

Monday November 27, 2006  
10:00 AM to Noon  
Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 918  
Portland OR 97232  
(971) 673-1220 Dewey Darold, contact person

## **Agenda & Approved Minutes**

**I. Call to Order** – at 10:13 AM

**II. Introductions - Board and attendees**

Steve West; Chair, Mary Howell; Vice-Chair, Jerry Thomas, Ron Robertson, and Monica Anderson, Pat Dorning by teleconference, and Joe McNelly an excused absence.

**DHS:** Dewey Darold

**Public in attendance:** Becky Slabaugh, Kate Mattimore, Elmer Ostling and Terri Notestine via teleconference.

**III. Approval of Minutes – Aug 2, 2006 meeting**

Approved as submitted

**IV. DHS Reports**

**Unnamed Board Positions** The Department introduced Elmer Ostling to the Cross Connection Advisory Board (CCAB). Mr. Ostling was selected by the Department to represent the Department-certified Backflow Assembly Tester position. Mr. Ostling reflects geographic representation and multiple category backgrounds. The board unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. Ostling to the board. The Department has one vacant board member position remaining representing a general public member. This vacant position is publicized on the Department's website.

DHS noted in the Spring of 2006 Pipeline Newsletter that two unapproved backflow prevention assemblies; Wilkins RP 975XLTCU

and the Wilkins DC 950 XLTU were being installed. Dewey advised that both assemblies are now approved by the USC Foundation, the RP in five sizes and the DC in two sizes.

## **V. Old Business**

### **Review Prioritized Issues –**

Item # 1. Terri Notestine, Washington State Department of Health (DOH) gave a PowerPoint presentation on Washington's CCC Program. Terri provided a historical perspective of the CCC program, including regulations, compliance strategy and a web-based application to submit ASR forms. Washington State DOH contracts with the Washington Environmental Training Center (WETRC) to proctor the (Backflow Assembly Testing) BAT Professional Growth Examination. DOH issues BAT certification for testing only (inside or outside) a building. Contractor registration through the Department of Labor & Industries (L & I) allows for installation and/or repair of assemblies outside of a building. Terri noted that those who repair and test (no installation) backflow assemblies inside a building must be certified by the Department of Labor & Industries (L & I) as well as certified through DOH as a BAT. The L & I issues a backflow assembly maintenance and repair specialty certificate for these purposes.

Item # 2. Mary Howell discussed the ASR format and questioned whether the forms couldn't be simplified and/or condensed. Mary suggested eliminating questions 5 through 8, replacing inspections with surveys, and perhaps removing Part D-Written Program Plan since the plan elements are already listed and required by the OAR. Mary also suggested condensing the table on page 4 to just # of tests completed. The Department commented that the ASR data is being analyzed and entered for compliance purposes only. Dewey indicated that the 2006 ASR forms have been updated on the CCP web site. Mary will work with a few other board members to decide on what the revised form might look like.

Item # 3 (previously priority item # 3 and # 4 combined) unaddressed due to time constraints.

Item # 5. Training issues and establishment of third party testing providers not considered a priority issue and was therefore not addressed.

Item # 6. Jerry Thomas conducted a literature research and provided recommendations in a three-page memo on gauge accuracy verification process. A list of materials and a proposed testing procedure was provided in the memo. It was generally agreed that the water column testing method is an acceptable way to verify pressure differential gauge accuracy. Recommendations were listed on how the training curriculum might look for DHS to issue a certificate of competency-discussed pros & cons of a DHS (legislative) vs. non-DHS solution. The Department commented that this would create an additional workload for rule development and that a fee might be assessed to cover the time needed to administer this process. A fee would need approval by the legislature and it is too late to have this ready by the 2007 legislative. Steve West suggested a third party or one of our training agencies might be interested in establishing a test gauge calibration program. Steve West proposed that a subcommittee be formed (Monica, Jerry, Ray and Garrett) to develop a calibration certification proposal for the board's consideration.

**VI. New Business**

None

**VII. Advisory Board Member Reports**

See above

**VIII. Correspondence**

Several handouts/forms/memo/newsletter provided.

**IX. Public Comment**

None

**X. Adjournment at 12:06 PM**