

Virginia Department of Health – DRAFT MINUTES
Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse Regulations Stakeholder Workgroup

Date: October 6, 2021
Time: 10:00 am
Primary Location: Virtual Meeting – Webex

List of Attendees:

Anthony Creech – VDH, Office of Environmental Health Services
Lance Gregory – VDH OEHS
Tyrone Jarvis – Go Green Automotive Care
Robert Edelman - VDH, Office of Drinking Water
Michael Redifer – Citizen
Jeff Brown – DCHD
Benji Sojka – Rainwater Management Solutions
Jay Otto – Otto Sales

Administrative:

1. Welcome
2. July 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes (No suggested changes or edits)
3. 30,000 Foot View Webinar. Mr. Creech discussed the September 1 webinar, shared a link with the group, and encouraged the group to share with interested parties.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1UnVF75Aq8>

Discussion

1. Presentation of Draft Regulation to the Board of Health December 10, 2021.
 - Mr Creech discussed the plan to present the draft regulation to the Board of Health in its December 10 meeting, and provided a flow chart summarizing the steps leading to publication of the draft regulation.
2. EPA/NRBC
 - Mr Creech discussed the EPA R&D office plan to release the new list of Log Reduction Targets in Fall 2021, and noted that the National Blue Ribbon Commission for Onsite Non-potable Water Systems (NBRC) has expressed a desire to recognize the EPA list as the appropriate National Standard, expected to happen 1st quarter 2022. This could allow the revision of the draft regulation to reference the NBRC LRTS instead of listing individual LRTs in the regulation itself. Mr. Creech indicated that this information would be shared with the Board of Health when the draft regulation is presented. Bob Edelman noted that in the most recent revision to the Waterworks Regulation, the Commonwealth requires references to be to an exact document and cannot reference a current version or successor document.
3. Draft Regulations.
 - The remainder of the meeting consisted of review and edits to the full draft regulation. Beyond minor edits, the following issues were raised:

- For clarity, LRTs should be listed in orders of magnitude rather than percentages (e.g., 2 log rather than 99%, 3 log rather than 99.9%, etc.)
- There may be a need to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VDH and DCHD to clarify the relationship of the regulation to the USBC.
- The stakeholders noted a preference for consistency between this regulation and the Virginia Waterworks regulation as opposed to consistency with a national standard.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm

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