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SUBJECT: 1ST Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting regarding 9
VAC 25-110 General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES)
Permit for Domestic Sewage Discharges of Less Than or Equal to 1,000 Gallons
per Day
TO: TAC Members
FROM: George Cosby, Regulatory Affairs
DATE: November 12, 2009

A TAC meeting was held on November 9, 2009 at DEQ Central Office. The meeting began at 10:00 am. The TAC members and others attending the meeting were:

Amy Ewing	Virginia Department of Game and Island Fisheries (VDGIF)
Cindy Kane	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)
John Aulbach	Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Kevin Yost	VDH
Mason Allen	VDH
Eleanore Daub	DEQ-CO
Fred Cunningham	DEQ-CO
Burton Tuxford	DEQ-CO
George Cosby	DEQ-CO
Jeremy Kazio	DEQ-PRO
Melinda Woodruff	DEQ-TRO by Telephone
Susan Edwards	DEQ-BRRO by Telephone
Clairise Shaheen	DEQ-SWRO by Telephone

Comments and items presented at the meeting were as follows:

1. The TAC members requested DEQ to investigate expanding the flow rate of the general permit from less than 1,000 gallons per day (GPD) to 10,000 GPD or at least 5,000 GPD. The expansion would allow the inclusion of Churches and Schools. TAC members raised concerns about the impacts on receiving streams as a result of increase in the general permit flow rate over 1,000 GPD.
2. The TAC members asked if DEQ could remove the chlorine requirements from the general permit and replace it with alternative disinfection such as ultra-violet disinfection. The use of alternative disinfection would aid endangered species found in

small streams. VDH advised that turbidity maybe an issue when using ultra-violet disinfection.

3. The TAC members requested if there was a tracking system currently used by VDH or DEQ locating discharges; that could also be used by other agencies such as USFWS. Also are the systems and data being reviewed for existing discharges?
4. VDH advised TAC members that DEQ should not reissue general permits (GPs) to dischargers that have received violation notices from VDH until the issues have been resolved. DEQ staff stated its GPs require compliance with other agency regulations before DEQ can reissue the GP as stated in 9VAC25-110-60.B. DEQ requires notification from VDH of the violation notice. VDH advised TAC members that they are not made aware when there is a general permit change of ownership. VDH suggested that DEQ not allow the permittee to do his own maintenance because VDH requires a Class operator for operation and maintenance. VDH stated that they are concerned with maintenance rather than monitoring of these types of facilities.
5. TAC members suggested that DEQ locate GP discharges by latitude and longitude from the registration statement or request Regional Offices to locate them when updating CEDS.
6. TAC members requested additional guidance on T&E and reviewing T&E waters as part of coverage for new discharges.
7. TAC members requested a meeting agenda be given out prior to the next meeting.

Items presented at TAC meeting are as follows:

1. 9 VAC 25-110. VIRGINIA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
VPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR DOMESTIC SEWAGE DISCHARGES OF LESS THAN
OR EQUAL TO 1,000 GALLONS PER DAY.

I wish to thank the TAC members and others for their service on the TAC.