

North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium
February 7, 2006

Members Present: Scott Austin, Nicole Johnston, Victor Quick, Martie Groome, Larson Harsey, Bill Gintert, Cheryl Tilley, Ralph Potter, Stephen Haller, Charles VanZandt, Scott Pickard, Bernie Strohmeier, Donald Smith, Leon Holt, Nancy Matherly, Stephanie Scheringer, Bill Frazier, Monica Hayes, Joe McNeely, Chris Bortnick, Jimmy Pridgen, Debra Collins, Angela Boswell, Amy Varinoski, Joan Wall, John Copeland, Burrell Brock, Linda Holt, Jim Rumley, Danny Sigmon, Dawn Padgett, Jon van Hoff, Monty Payne, Tracy Harris, Karen Reece, Doug Troutman, Aaron Otten, Cheryl Douglas, Beverly Metcalf, Janet Maddox, Mae Lofton, Michele Dawes, Angel Carter, Tim Downs, Crystal Shotwell, Jimmy Rickert

(There were a total of 62 who attended the meeting, with a number of new faces and 5 from DWQ – PERCS).

The meeting was called to order by NCPC Chair, Martie Groome. Minutes were reviewed from the December meeting. A motion to accept those minutes was made, a “second” motion followed. There were no questions regarding the minutes and therefore were unanimously approved.

2006 Conference Report:

- Bill Gintert has accepted the Conference Chair for this year. Thank you Bill. The conference will be held September 17-19, 2006 in Asheville (Crown Plaza Hotel). Room rates are \$94.00.
- A new Committee has been added – Conference Site Selection Committee
- Sign up sheets for the various Conference Committees has begun to circulate. Participate and reward yourself, as well as the NCPC in making this another successful Conference.

2006 NCPC Meeting:

- Meetings will be held in April, June, September (@ Annual Conference), October and December.
- A short survey was passed out and attendees were asked to rank future topics in order of interest/importance. (Emerging pollutants, streamlining issues / regional issues – EPA, a joint LabNet/NCPC meeting, DWQ). Results will follow.
- Pins were handed out again for those who had yet to receive them. They were awarded to members who attended at least 2 meetings in 2005.

Announcements:

- A reminder that the Virginia Water Environment Association will be holding the Industrial Waste and Pretreatment Seminar February 28th and March 1st 2006. Highlights include EPA Streamlining Issues, FBI Environmental Investigations and Emerging Pollutants.
- Bernie Strohmeier (HRSD) mentioned that one particular pollutant of concern is Formalin. This comes from hospitals and is used as a fixer in histology. He has required his hospitals to chemically treat the formalin in order to reduce the component, then discharge it to the sewer system. He also mentioned to look at xylene.
- Dana Folley (DWQ) also cited formalin and that Keyes McGee (Pollution Prevention) is investigating this pollutant further. She also mentioned that Joanna Reece is setting up a presentation regarding bills to keep mercury out of products that eventually wind up in our sewer systems. More information and updates will be coming from these areas in the future.

Financial Report:

- Balance as of this meeting: \$ 36,347.01
- Certification balance : \$ 5,750
- Conference balance: \$ 10,000
- General balance: \$ 19,022.01
- 2006 General Memberships: \$ 1,575

Program: NC Streamlining Update – Jeff Poupart – PERCS Supervisor

- Jeff presented an outline for the update, sharing the background information on Federal Rules, Streamlining Guidelines and Regulatory Revisions and what plans PERCS will implement.
- Overall the PERCS Streamlining Plan is broken down into 3 Tiers:
 1. **Tier 1:** High Applicability – these are items that can be changed now and do not conflict with the 0900 rules.
 - Pollutants Not Present
 - Slug Control Plans
 - Equivalent Concentration Limits
 - Equivalent Mass Limits
 2. **Tier 2:** Medium Applicability: - these are items that are not needed on a “broad base”.
 - General Control Mechanisms
 - BMPs and Local Limits
 - Grab and Composite Sampling
 - SNC Publication
 - SNC Applicability
 - Miscellaneous Changes

3. **Tier 3:** Limited Applicability or Requires Rule Change – these items will require changes in the 0900 rules.
 - Removal Credit Overflows
 - Removal Credits Sludge
 - SNC-Daily Max or Average
 - SNC-Late Reports
 - CIU Oversight-NSCIU
 - CIU Oversight-Middle Tier

Jeff also stated that PERCS will allow for a 6 month extension to June 2007 of the December 2006 revised SUO requirement.

Furthermore, there will be a Spring Meeting of DWQ Regional Pretreatment Contacts in order to promote consistency and training. They are also shooting for an IUP writing workshop and Chapter 6 Rewrite before the Fall Consortium Meeting.

This information will be posted on the website in the near future. If you are interested in a copy of this presentation please contact Jeff Poupart.

The Consortium would like to thank the members of DWQ-PERCS (Jeff Poupart, Dana Folley, Deborah Gore, Jenifer Carter and George Smith) for attending, taking time from their schedules to help bring awareness and update our Pretreatment members/colleagues.

The next meeting is tentatively set for April 13th in Burlington.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM by Martie Groome for lunch at Oh Brian's Restaurant for lunch, courtesy of your NCPC.

Chris Bortnick
2006 NCPC Secretary