



**North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium, Inc.**

**Membership Meeting  
December 9, 2009**

A. The North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium Meeting was called to order at 10:40 am, on December 9, 2009 by Amy Varinoski, Chairman, at the Mebane Arts & Community Center, Mebane, NC.

**B. Members in Attendance were:**

JoEllen Gay	Amy Varinoski	Victor Quick	Scott Pickard
Jon van Hoff	Jeff Williams	Dennis Hodge	Nancy Matherly
John Copeland	Tim Davis	Cathey Justice	Cheryl Tilley
Ralph Potter	Stephen Haller	Martie Groome	Dolores Bradshaw
David Hardin	Candace Henderson	Reginald Hicks	Gregory Blecher
Mae Lofton	Shannon Sypolt	Brenda Bordeaux	Sherry Bagwell
Dale Deaton	Sharon Miller	Tyrone Battle	Donald Smith
Frank Skee	Jennifer Doll	Chad Thompson	Burrell Brock
Ryan Faw	Jim Connolly	Angela Boswell	David Gardner
Andy Hicks	Joan Wall	Tim Downs	Dawn Padgett
Monica Hayes			

C. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

**D. Updates**

1. Amy read the treasurer's report of the conference update provided by Vicky Payseur.

- Deposits - \$15,480.00
- Debits- \$15,087.83

The balance is \$392.17 for the 2009 Conference.

**E. Announcements:**

1. At the conference, Connie Brower requested information regarding the fiscal impact due to the proposed Water Quality Standards changes for hardness dependant metals. The NC-PC sent a survey to several towns across the state

and collected valuable information. We have submitted comments to Connie Brower with regards to the impact the proposed changes will have to NC towns. The comment will be posted on the NC-PC website.

2. Donald Smith has updated the spreadsheet used to collect the information and will be sending back the updated information to the participating towns.
3. NC-PC Industry Day will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. PT 102 will be offered to attendees. Brochures have been mailed and are also available on the NC-PC website. Registered attendance is low this year.
4. Amy announced the 2010 NC-PC officers:  
 Donald Smith, Town of Cary- Chair;  
 JoEllen Gay, City of Wilson –Vice-Chair  
 Stephanie Brixey, Durham County- Secretary  
 Vicky Payseur, Harnett County- Treasurer (*completing second year of two-year term*)  
 Amy Varinoski, Town of Mebane- Past Chair  
 Andy Hicks, City of Rocky Mount – Webmaster (appointed)

Donald welcomed members and urged them to send ideas for 2010 quarterly meetings.

F. *Deborah Gore, NC-DWQ PERCS Unit Supervisor*

The update to the NCAC rules has taken much of the PERCS unit’s time this year. Several definitions have been revised and policies are being reviewed (IWS) to verify if they need modification.

One of the main rule changes that will affect our programs will be judging compliance. That will most likely be in effect by 2011.

There is a need for the PERCS Unit to hold a permitting workshop due to many revisions. PERCS would like to hold this workshop in the summer of 2010.

Ms. Gore stated DWQ is encouraging comments for the WQS proposed changes.

*Jeff Poupart, NC-DWQ Point Source Branch Environmental Program Supervisor*

Mr. Poupart presented a power point presentation of the Triennial Review Metal Standards Update. The State will consider towns using a “translator” to convert from dissolved metal standard to a total metal standard and vice versa. A translator study

would be required to be performed for each metal to determine the dissolved/total ratio. Using the translator may offer permittees relief in some water bodies. The ratios will vary across the state and from day to day. There are logistical issues with the translator use and study.

The Water Quality Committee will meet in January 2010. Data on fiscal impacts to League and NC-PC member is requested by spring 2010 with expected public hearings and comment period in early summer 2010. He mentioned Connie only allowed science so the fiscal impact statement is important. Mr. Poupart said DWQ must go forward with the WQS proposed changes or take risk of EPA taking over the permits.

Mr. Poupart mentioned DWQ is aware of the effects of the proposed WQS changes' effects on POTWs. DWQ is surveying other States to find out how they coped with the standards and how they implement their Pretreatment programs. DWQ will consider allowing compliance schedules for POTWs to upgrade facilities in order to reach the new standards.

Several comments were given to the State regarding the State's current policies governing the Headworks Analysis and Allocation of a pollutant. DWQ's reply to these concerns was they will be looking over the current policies once their survey of how other states implement their programs. NC-PC members stressed the survey should not only be at the state level, but should also be from pretreatment peers. There are several safety factors NC DWQ has in place that are not the same in other states, ex. Reasonable Potential Analysis.

When asked where towns should sample for their streams hardness values, DWQ did not answer with a specific location; however, one town has a direct order from EPA that sampling for hardness should occur at a downstream location.

The State is not sure exactly how far reaching the information of the impact of the proposed WQS has been within the division. The NC-PC members expressed they would be willing to help DWQ communicate with EPA to convince them these standards would not help the environment by listing every water as impaired and having virtually every plant overallocated.

This presentation is available on the NC-PC website.

J. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

**The next meeting of the NC-PC will be Thursday, March 18, 2010 at Lake McIntosh Clubhouse, Burlington, NC at 10:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jo Ellen Gay*  
2009 Co-Secretary NC-PC