

Approved Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 24, 2014

**Attendees:** Roger Thompson  
Justin Willis  
Jessanne Wyman  
Carl Fuller  
Gunner McCain  
Peter Boemig  
Ken White  
Claude Chevalier  
Denise Johnson-Terk  
Mary Clark  
Craig Heindel  
Chris Russo  
Mark Bannon  
Steve Revell  
Anne Whiteley  
Ernie Christianson

**Scheduled meetings:**

July 15, 2014	1-4 PM	Winooski Con. Rm., National Life – Montpelier
July 29, 2014	1-4 PM	Catamount Con. Rm., National Life – Montpelier
August 26, 2014	1-4 PM	Winooski Con. Rm., National Life – Montpelier
September 23, 2014	1-4 PM	Winooski Con. Rm., National Life – Montpelier

**Agenda:**

No comments.

**Minutes:**

No comments.

**Rule Revisions:**

Ernie led a page by page review of the draft rules and the group managed to get through the first 6 Subchapters and an initial discussion of two key points of Subchapter 7. Many of the comments related to minor wording and formatting changes. The following sections were discussed in more detail.

**Definitions:**

A definition of the base groundwater elevation was added to the draft. The group discussed this and the related definition of hydraulic base and whether both were needed. Ernie will rework these definitions. The group decided to hold off on making a decision until the groundwater monitoring section has been reviewed.

The bedroom definition was slightly reworked in the draft to presume that any room where people sleep, even if only an auxiliary use of the room, is a bedroom. This presumption can be overcome with a case by case determination by the Secretary.

The definitions for unconfined aquifer, unconfined unconsolidated aquifer, and unconsolidated soils were reviewed and minor changes may be made for clarity. The committee also discussed the use of impeding versus confining soils with Craig recommending the use of impeding.

Exemptions:

Permit exemption #25 for primitive campgrounds was discussed at some length. The concept of having a “campsite” of which there are no traces but that is not to be used more than once a week or more than 26 times in a year is not clear. Anne noted that some of the language is based on requirements established by the Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation for primitive camping on state lands. The language might not work for all primitive campgrounds and Ernie will review it again.

On-farm exemptions were also discussed including the washing of fruits and vegetables to on-farm slaughtering. Ernie will clarify some of the language and how to determine flows for slaughtering with the Department of Agriculture.

Relatively few changes are proposed in Subchapter 4, 5, and 6 and most of the comments were editorial in nature.

The group discussed language in the last section of Subchapter 4 that allows for someone other than a designer to complete annual inspections required in a permit. The changes are intended to increase the number of people who can do the inspections and reduce the cost of inspections. Language was also added to clarify that a failure to comply with operational requirements that cannot be corrected at a later time does not create a title defect. The Agency may still take enforcement action related to the permit violation.

Discussion was started on Subchapter 7 on licensed designers, particularly around whether a Class A or B should design pump stations and sewer main connections. Some people were more comfortable with Class B Designers doing pump station designs because they are tested on it.

Future meetings on July, 15<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup>, and September 23<sup>rd</sup> were scheduled. Ernie hopes to get through the rest of the chapters of the draft rules in the July meetings.

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**Executive Committee:** Steve Revell, Ernest Christianson, Roger Thompson

Alternates – Chris Thompson, Spencer Harris, Claude Chevalier, Craig Heindel

**Subcommittees:**

**Hydrogeology**

Craig Heindel, Bill Zabiloski, Mark Bannon, Scott Stewart, Steve Revell, Mary Clark, Roger Thompson, Peter Boemig, Ernie Christianson, Spencer Harris

**UIC Rules**

Craig Heindel, Steve Revell, Roger Thompson, Ernie Christianson, Scott Stewart, Rodney Pingree, Kim Greenwood, Cindy Parks, John Beauchamp, Gail Center

**Wastewater Strength**

Mary Clark, Cindy Parks, Peter Boemig, Bill Zabiloski, Roger Thompson, John Akielaszek,

**Bottomless Sand Filters**

Peter Boemig, Mark Bannon, Cindy Parks, Mary Clark, Denise Johnson-Terk, Craig Heindel, Ernie Christianson

**Seasonal High Water Table Monitoring**

Craig Heindel, Steve Revell, Roger Thompson, Ernie Christianson, Bill Zabiloski, Dan Wilcox, Mary Clark