

**On-site Wastewater Stakeholder Process and Report Meeting Notes
September 8, 2011**

Crystal Lovett – Facilitator

Welcome and Introduction of Speakers and Attendees

Panel Members

Department of Natural Resources

Joe Boland
Chuck Harwood
John Hoke

Department of Health & Senior Services

Mary Glassburner
Mark Jenkerson
Jim Gaughan

Crystal Lovett and panel members gave a presentation of Department of Natural Resources/Department of Health and Senior Services' responses to stakeholder comments from the August 1, 2011 meeting, copy of presentation attached.

Reminder of Report

701.058: “the departments shall evaluate the data and information obtained and present their findings and recommendations in a report to be submitted to the general assembly by December 31, 2011.”

Reminder on Changes

Some proposed solutions require a change in law from the General Assembly and Governor.

Some proposed solutions require a change in rules from the Department(s).

Some proposed solutions would not need changes in law or rule, but may require additional resources.

Review and Comments from August 1, 2011 Meeting

Permitting Wastewater Treatment Systems
Malfunctioning OWTS
Funding Assistance
Simplifications/Clarification of Jurisdiction
No Discharge Lagoons
Septage Haulers (Pumpers)

September 8, 2011 Meeting Comments from Stakeholders

Permitting Wastewater Treatment Systems

- Time to get permits

Malfunctioning OTWTS

- Require maintenance for all systems
- Poor on-site evaluations by soil evaluators
- Unsuitable soils
- Statutory change for addressing complaint
- Bring back state level training for installers

Funding Assistance

- Innovative funding source for low income
- Possible partnerships with Regional Planning Commissions
- Property transfer inspections

Simplifications/Clarification of Jurisdiction

- State (DHSS/DNR) vs. County
- Save resources by changing jurisdiction

No Discharge Lagoons

- Don't fulfill Clean Water Act intent
- Regulatory change for de minimus exemptions
- Counties to submit written comments
- Need at least basic permit
- Oversight needed if these lagoons are continued to be in the Tool Box

Septage Haulers (Pumpers)

- CEUs for pumpers and haulers
- Small plants don't want to accept septic waste - transportation is costly
- Grease traps
- Add inventory of facilities that accept waste to the web portal

Addition Comments from Stakeholders

Next five-year term of surface discharges (nutrient levels).

Small communities need answers for wastewater treatment when population decreases.

Existing treatment may not meet new standards.

Examining solutions.

Continuing Authority - decisions can't be only based on money when dealing with treatment plant.

Meeting adjourned