



Wastewater Hearing Authority Minutes

Meeting: December 1, 2016

Attendees: Dr. Edward Thackston, Chairperson, Dr. Robert Wingfield, Jr., WWHA Member, Jay Tant, WWHA Member, Ruthie Cherry, WWHA Member, David Gilles, WWHA Member, Tara Ladd, Jim Snyder, Marty Mast, Hugh Garrison, Andy Welch, Al Pogue, Brent Freeman, Peggy Deaner, Teresa Lyons-Oten

- I. **Meeting Called to Order @ 1:32 p.m.** Dr. Thackston called the meeting to order.
- II. **Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2016.** The Authority reviewed pending minutes of August 11, 2016. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.
Presenter: Dr. Thackston
- III. **Presentation – Grinder Pump System Fee – Metro Code 15.34.030.** MWS Wastewater Hearing Authority has the authority to set the residential grinder pump fee as set forth by Metro Code 15.34.030. MWS is proposing a revision to the one-time fee charged for the maintenance of residential grinder pump systems. This elective fee is provided as an option to residential homeowners that prefer to outsource the necessary repairs and pump equipment replacement required by their residential grinder pump system. Maintenance is provided to the property as long as the property is served by a grinder pump. Pump installations must comply with MWS specifications to be eligible for this service. Calculations support a revision from the current fee of \$2,500 to a revised fee of \$3,900. A vote was taken and new fee was unanimously adopted.
Presenters: Jim Snyder, MWS, Administration and Brent Freeman, MWS, Operations
- IV. **MWS Semi-Annual State Report #62.** Last reporting period (past six months), MWS has sampled fifty-seven (57) SIU's required by federal law to monitor on an annual basis. They are required minimally to be sampled by MWS once a year and at a minimal to self-sample twice a year, for a sum of (85) samples to meet minimum requirements of EPA. MWS performed total of (268) samples of (57) SIU's this past six months with a total of (12) violations. **Presenter: Marty Mast, MWS, Environmental Compliance**
- V. **Update – Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) Enforcement Actions.** MWS approved Waste Hauler Program was to begin shortly after the start of the year, but software does not meet our standards and has been sent back to software developer for further



development. Goal of program is to assist grease waste haulers have an easier way to report information.

Updates: Fat Mo's still has some more time to advise us how they are going to address FOG issues. Chili's is good so far.

Andy Welch presented stats regarding Non-Compliance Notices 2015-2016, issuing more non-compliance notices and making more effort to get responses.

NonCompliance Notices 2015-2016

- 738 NCNs issued between 1/1/15 – 11/27/16
- 414 NCNs completed or closed 1/1/15 – 11/27/16 (56% of total)
- 324 NCNs open 1/1/15 – 11/27/16 (44% of total)
- 441 FSEs sent NCN Reminder Letter 1/1/15 – 11/27/16
- 160 NCNs closed after NCN Reminder (due to reminder) 1/1/15 – 11/27/16 (36% of total reminder letters sent)
- 50 NCNs w/some type of Post Reminder letter response but remain Open 1/1/15 – 11/27/16 (11% of total reminder letters sent)
- Thus, if 50 NCNs with some response included in closed or pending closure then ~ 47% closed after reminder letter.

Here are some additional stats to show how the emphasis (beginning late 2014) on records and certification has caused significant increase in NCNs and NOVs. Prior to 2014 only FSEs with major noncompliance issues were issued NCNs. Another note is that we are in process of addressing the records and certification reporting issues by developing the GWH reporting module for the Approved GWH program. We will be able to track electronically the pumping records and certifications, which will help in getting critical information to assess those FSEs that need to be concentrated on for enforcement.

Year	Total NCNs Issued	NCNs closed	NCNs open
2016 (as of 11/27/16)	423	174	249
2015	315	240	75
2014	184	171	13
2013	106	106	0
2012	116	116	0
2011	120	120	0
2010	98	98	0
2009	100	100	0



Hopefully, complete data should be available in February 2017. Information is being entered into a computerized system (manually). Tracking system (database) is not fully automated but allows information to be entered, create reports and create letters. Currently, there is an estimated 2,600+ establishments being monitored or visited by MWS FOG staff. **Presenter: Andy Welch, MWS, Environmental Compliance**

- VI. **Other Business** – Request from an industry (Environmental Science) to discharge to one of our satellite locations – (Mt. Juliet). Recommendation was not to accept discharge and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous not to accept request.
Presenter: Hugh Garrison, MWS, Environmental Compliance

Future MWS Wastewater Authority days for 2017 will be forwarded to members for consideration. **Presenter: Teresa Lyons-Oten, MWS, Administration**

- VII. **Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Edward Thackston, Chairperson @ 2:48 p.m.**