

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
GROUNDWATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SUMMARY**

September 13, 2017

The Groundwater and Waste Management Committee (GWWMC) of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (EMC) addressed the following at its September 13, 2017 meeting:

- Update on 15A NCAC 13B Rule Readoption Process (Ellen Lorscheider, DWM)
- Update on the Brownfields Program (Bruce Nicholson, DWM)

On September 13, 2017, the GWWMC met in the Ground Floor Hearing Room at the Archdale Building in Raleigh, North Carolina.

GWWMC Members in Attendance:

Mr. Bill Puette, Committee Chairman
Mr. Gerard Carroll, RGIC Vice-Chairman
Mr. Richard Whisnant, WAC Chairman

Mr. Steve Keen, Committee Vice-Chairman
Dr. Albert R. Rubin, WQC Chairman

Other Commissioners Who Attended:

Ms. Marion Deerhake, WQC Vice-Chairman
Mr. John D. "J.D." Solomon, EMC Chairman

Dr. Stan Meiburg, AQC Chairman
Ms. Julie Wilsey, EMC Vice-Chairman

Preliminary Matters:

In accordance to North Carolina General Statute § 138A-15, **Chairman Bill Puette** asked if any GWWMC member knew of any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any item on the September 13, 2017 GWWMC agenda. None of the members stated there was a conflict.

Commissioner Rubin made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2017 GWWMC. **Vice Chairman Keen** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Information Item:

1. Update on 15A NCAC 13B Rule Readoption Process (Ellen Lorscheider, DWM)

Explanation:

Ellen Lorscheider, Solid Waste Section Chief, gave a brief history of the development of Solid Waste's rules and presented sets of those rules that are expected to be readopted.

Emphasizing the fact that major changes in those rules were to be expected, Mrs. Lorscheider stated that Solid Waste will be asking the Rules Review Commission to give a length of time to work on the sets of rules, sufficient to complete them, with the knowledge that if rules are not completed by a set deadline, they will be repealed. The hope is that the deadline for completion will be December of 2020.

Mrs. Lorscheider then presented the sets of rules up for readoption, describing each set briefly, and giving expected dates that draft sets would be presented and stakeholder meetings held.

Discussion:

Following the presentation, the Committee asked questions and discussed items as they related to Solid Waste's rules readoption process.

Information Item:

2. Update on the Brownfields Program (Bruce Nicholson, DWM)

Explanation:

Bruce Nicholson, Brownfields Program Manager, provided an overview of the Brownfields Program and an update on its current status. Mr. Nicholson discussed the number of brownfields agreements that have been completed across the state (430) and the increases the program has seen in active eligible projects. Mr. Nicholson also touched on specific measures the program has implemented to increase the number of agreements completed each year.

Discussion:

Following the presentation, the Committee asked questions and discussed items as they related to the Brownfields Program and its ongoing projects.

Following the Brownfields discussion, Chairman **Puette** adjourned the September 13, 2017 GWWMC meeting.