

Water Committee

Subcommittee Report

Part 11 : Foreword

Report Date: 4/8/14

Chair: Vern Breland

Members: Dirk Barrios, Greg Gorden

All Present: Dirk Barrios, Greg Gorden, Connie Banta

Overview of Meeting Discussion:

- The main discussion centered around what the sub-committee should discuss since the Policy Statements and Interim Standards had been farmed out to other specific sub-committees. After some debate the sub-committee decided to focus on the statement in the Foreword dealing with new processes.
- A member of the public did bring up the fact that her water system was having trouble complying with recent Sanitary Survey results because DHH would not reply to her responses in a manner she or her engineer could comprehend.

TOP TEN SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- All of the language in the Foreword that refers to “recommendations” should not be included in a revised State Sanitary Code that delineates a new Louisiana standard for water system design, construction and operation.
- The sub-committee discussed at length the paragraph in the Foreword concerning recently developed processes. The sub-committee discussed the need for DHH to release to either the sub-committee or the full Committee its internal policy for the use new technologies and accompanying pilot programs proposed and initiated by public water systems and monitored by DHH.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS for committee deliberation:

The sub-committee recommends the following for Committee deliberation:

1. All of the language in the Foreword that refers to “recommendations” should not be included in a revised State Sanitary Code that delineates a new Louisiana standard for water system design, construction and operation.
2. The use of new technologies and associated pilot programs and the manner in which they will be proposed, initiated, monitored and ultimately used on a full time basis. DHH has an existing internal policy which it uses when considering and approving pilot programs to test new technologies. DHH needs to share this internal policy with the Committee so it can deliberate on the language that should be included in the Sanitary Code concerning the use of new technologies by a public water system.