



SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Minutes of IDEP Reporting "SNITCH" Committee

April 15, 2003

9:00 a.m.

Present: Jim Koski, Sonny Grunwell, Chris Snyder, John Malzahn, John Premo, and Russ Beaubien

Meeting called to order at 09:05

No formal agenda has been established for this meeting.

Discussion was held regarding who legally is in charge of enforcing water quality issues at the local level. Therefore, the committee will look at the law and determine how to best delegate the enforcement issues.

Action Items:

1. Mr. Koski will contact Geoffrey Seildlein of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, P.C.
2. Russ Beaubien will review PA 40 and the 40 CFR documents for reference to local or state authority issues.

From this research the committee will then make decisions as to how the Authority will proceed and what the Authority will do with this plan.

Discussion regarding the establishment of a procedure for reporting of illicit discharges. Specifically, the steps that a reporting procedure would involve, the contacts to be made to report an illicit discharge, and the education of the general public as to what an illicit discharge is. It was a consensus of the committee that a countywide ordinance would be the best route for the authority to take regarding this issue. The ordinance should address the abatement issues for corrective actions and take a civil infraction route for enforcement. This will all have to be reviewed during the drafting of the ordinance when that phase occurs.

The potential procedure would probably be received at the SCPWC office then route to local DPW for investigation. After hours the calls would be received on the non-emergency line at Central Dispatch who would follow a decision tree to determine if action is needed immediately or whether the problem can wait for action by the SCPWC.

The training of area DPW personnel was approached and how to provide a response in the rural townships to investigate calls that are received in their area of responsibility.

Action Items:

1. Russ Beaubien will write up triage or decision tree that addresses acute or chronic discharges for committee review.
2. Russ will set up a written procedure for receiving calls and routing them.
3. Sonny Grunwell & John Premo will begin coordination for training of area personnel with an "in house" program that addresses spill containment procedures.
4. Russ Beaubien will draft a letter for the membership to assign a contact person for response to problem areas within their jurisdictional area.