

FINAL MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Special Meeting – February 27, 2013

A. Call to Order and Sign-In

A special meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 1:05 pm in conference room 4C, 4th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair D. Ruzicka. Board members J. Adams, R. Potterton, S. Holtman, J. Loureiro, C. Buchholz and K. Meloy were in attendance. Also attending was DEEP staff member K. Maiorano, and D. Pelham, Esq. of EPOC.

B. Public Participation

D. Pelham of EPOC indicated that he had no comments to provide during public participation.

C. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Draft Proposal for a Transformed Cleanup Program

The Board members present discussed the referenced Draft Proposal, significant comments Board members had regarding such Proposal, and how the Board should assemble and present its comments on this document for provision to the DEEP by March 18, 2013 (the revised deadline for submittal of comments). The Board agreed to provide draft comments in writing to the Chair from selected Board members by the end of business on March 11, 2013, which comments will be assembled and distributed for further discussion at the Board’s regular meeting on March 14, 2013 and then revised, finalized and submitted thereafter by the March 18, 2013 deadline.

In summary, the Board identified and discussed the following general topic areas that would be addressed by its comments:

1. Proposed creation and use of Environmental Release Professionals (ERPs), appropriate responsibilities, qualifications, licensing and regulation of such professionals, and Board recommendations in this regard [Board member drafting – D. Ruzicka with assistance from K. Maiorano];

2. Proposed scope of the Unified Cleanup Program vs. the Current Cleanup Program, sufficiency of the proposed Unified Program in meeting stated objectives and goals, Board recommendations for the future Cleanup Program, and clarification regarding DEEP's intent (or not) of requiring remediation of all releases in Connecticut as warranted to protect human health and the environment [Board member drafting J. Loureiro];
3. Proposed revisions to Significant Environmental Hazard Program, proposed definitions and criteria for significant environmental hazards and high risk historical environmental contamination, and Board recommendations in this regard [Board member drafting K. Meloy];
4. Proposed goals of Transformation of Cleanup Program and RSRs, proposed timing of regulatory vs. statutory revisions (Ref. flowchart on Page 3 of Proposal), Board recommendations regarding such timing and sequencing, and Board conclusion regarding no need to enhance or revise Significant Environmental Hazard Program [Board member drafting R. Potterton]; and
5. Conditional Off-Ramps and Recommendations regarding site risk reduction milestones and tracking [Board member drafting S. Holtman].

Public Act 5825

There was no new language added to this public act that spoke to reciprocity for licensure for licensed environmental professionals. Chair Ruzicka would keep the board informed if/when additional information became available.

Review of application for examination

There were not any additional applications for this year's exam.

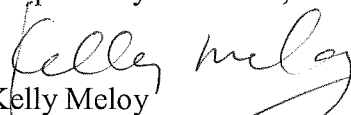
D. New Business

None

E. Adjournment

Upon a motion by J. Loureiro; second: S. Holtman; approved unanimously; Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kelly Meloy
Board Representative