

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)
STEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting in Atlanta, GA
8AM – 5PM (EDT), Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
OCTOBER 27, 2009

Members Present: - Michael Beach, Tracynda Davis, Jim Dunn, John Linn, Colleen Maitoza, Chuck Neuman, Charles Otto, Doug Sackett, Bob Vincent, guest Beth Dunbar-CDC, Amanda Long - Assistant to the Director, and Lee Tate - MAHC Project Coordinator.

Members Absent: Chip Cleary

1. **October 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** The Steering Committee (SC) deferred approval until the November conference call.

2. **SC Meeting Discussion:**

The SC had extensive discussion on the Facility Maintenance & Operation Technical Committee's (TC) draft. The SC recognized the level of effort that had gone into the draft and recognized and appreciated the hard work by the TC members. A portion of the detailed material should be placed in the Annex. The code language should describe "what is required", whereas, the Annex should describe "why the code language decision was made". Other parts of the draft needed to be moved to other sections of the MAHC, and should be forwarded to the appropriate TCs. Mr. Linn will revise this material and send it to Mr. Tate, who will consolidate all SC comments in a single document. This consolidated document will be returned to the TC to address SC concerns.

The SC also decided that future drafts from TCs to the SC should also be shared with all TCs so they too can comment on drafts, as well as, gain a better perspective of the work of other TCs and help eliminate potential overlap.

The Operator Training TCs draft was also discussed. A section by section discussion produced a number of suggested changes that will be sent back to this TC for their consideration and re-submittal. There were suggestions to add to the Annex the thinking behind using an incremental training process (certifying courses and making operators demonstrate knowledge), and the background for using nationally recognized operator training courses.

The SC also discussed the Regulatory Program Administration TCs draft. A section by section discussion also produced a number of suggested changes which will be conveyed to the TC for modification and re-submittal. The SC also had an extensive discussion of the need to develop a standardized inspection form. This form should have sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of factors that may have contributed to a recreational water illness (RWI) outbreak should such an investigation become necessary. Presently, there is an absence of data for analysis in many of the RWI investigations. Mr. Otto has done preliminary work on form development which can be used as a starting point for future development. There was also a suggestion to include a statement in the Annex as to where things should be going in terms of inspections and the direction health departments should be going in.

As the approved SC modules become available, Mr. Tate will assemble them in the appropriate MAHC sections. He will edit and format that material to ensure consistency among the modules.

Although the Disinfection & Water Quality TC draft was not ready for review, Mr. Linn led a discussion on some of the preliminary points that TC is now considering. This TC should have a SC review draft available before the end of the year.

The Facility Design & Construction TC is ready to form. The initial participant list was approved. However, other members may be added in the future to fill particular needs. Ms. Maitoza will replace Mr. Linn as SC Liaison for this TC. The first TC conference call will be arranged in the next two weeks.

The Contamination Burden TC has a new TC Chairperson, Ellen Meyer. The committee is moving forward to concentrate on nitrogenous waste, fecal material, and particulates.

3. Action Items:

- a. Mr. Linn will get his comments for the Facility Maintenance & Operation draft to Mr. Tate for consolidation with other comments.
- b. Mr. Tate will send that draft back to the Facility Maintenance & Operation TC to address SC comments.
- c. Future TC draft submissions will be submitted for comment to other TCs at the same time they are submitted to the SC.
- d. The SC comments on the Operator Training draft will be sent back to that TC for finalization.
- e. SC comments on the Regulatory Program Administration TC draft will also be returned to that TC for modification.
- f. The Facility Design & Construction TC membership list was approved. Ms. Maitoza, as new liaison to that TC, will work with Mr. Nylander, TC Chairperson, and Mr. Tate to set up the initial conference call.
- g. Mr. Tate will start assembling the modules in the outline of the MAHC as they become available.
- h. Several of the TCs will meet during the World Aquatic Health Conference at 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 29. All SC members that are attending that conference are invited to meet the TC members.
- i. Mr. Sackett will mention the potential MAHC follow up ideas in his presentation at the Environmental Health Leader's meeting on October 28.