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## AGENDA

**GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
December 16, 2004 (Thursday) 2:30 P.M.  
(or immediately following the ACOG Board of Director's Meeting)**

ACOG CONFERENCE ROOM  
21 EAST MAIN, SUITE 100, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Roll Call
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ([Attachment III](#))

**Action Requested:** Motion to approve minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting.

- IV. STAFF REPORT ([Attachment IV](#))

A. Stormwater Phase II – The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has issued the proposed General Permit for public comment and review. All comments are due by December 30, 2004. An update on the Technical Committee meeting and the first informal public DEQ meeting.

**Action Requested:** None. For information only.

B. Arsenic Report – The draft report of the arsenic study has been issued for comment and review.

**Action Requested:** None. For information only.

- V. PROGRESS REPORT ([Attachment V](#))
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT



Jane Sutter  
Don Bown  
John J. Johnson  
Doug Rex  
Jerry Church  
Ellen Owens

Division Director, IGS  
Consultant  
Consultant  
Assistant to the Executive Director  
Special Programs Officer, IGS  
Department Secretary, Water Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Sandra Gragg Naifeh called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m., noting that a quorum was present.

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The aforementioned guest was present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Howe made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and carried with the following vote:

AYE: Naifeh, Hedrick, Howe, Murphey, Haddock, Sharpton, Joyner, Hopper, Johnson, Brown, Bledsoe, Kesler, Symes, Owens, and Bradway

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

IV. MEETING CALENDAR 2005

Director Howe made a motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2005. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and carried with the following vote:

AYE: Naifeh, Hedrick, Howe, Murphey, Haddock, Sharpton, Joyner, Hopper, Johnson, Brown, Bledsoe, Kesler, Symes, Owens, and Bradway

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

V. STAFF REPORT

A. Update on Stormwater Phase II Communities

John Harrington informed the Committee members that the Stormwater Phase II draft General Permit has been released for public review and comment. Mr. Harrington said he may have a comprehensive review of this at the next Committee meeting. He said the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) will also be having public meetings next month in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Mr. Harrington said that the monitoring requirements indicate each community must evaluate program compliance, the appropriateness of identified best management practices, and progress toward achieving identified measurable goals. He said that if monitoring is planned, communities will be required to comply with 40 CFR, Part 136, which all water quality professionals refer to.

Mr. Harrington said the permit was originally scheduled to be released in March of 2003. The comment period will close around the end of December and then there will probably be about 30 days of reviewing and responding to comments, with the final permit being finalized sometime in March. He said that once it is issued as a regulatory document, there will probably be a 90-day implementation period. At the end of 90 days, all paper work will need to be done and in ODEQ's office. Mr. Harrington suggested that communities involved in the Stormwater program budget for it in the next fiscal year.

B. Final Report on North Canadian TMDL

Mr. Harrington reported that the final report on the North Canadian Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) has been submitted to ODEQ. He said that In 2003 the North Canadian River was monitored for pathogens from El Reno down to Dale, Oklahoma. He indicated that If pathogens are a problem on the North Canadian River, it will probably be reflected in some of the permits in the Phase II Stormwater Program. There is language in the draft Permit that addresses Total Maximum Daily Loads.

C. Winter Forecast

Mr. Harrington spoke briefly about the winter forecast. He said that the state of Oklahoma will have normal temperatures and precipitation this winter.

VI. PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Harrington mentioned that the draft report for the arsenic project will be completed by the end of this month. He also said the EPA has given the go-ahead for a pathogen sampling program for next summer.

Director Hopper asked if there are harmful levels of hormonal based substances in our water supplies that we should be testing for. Mr. Harrington replied that so far, that subject had not come up and that there is nothing in the Water Quality Standards regarding testing for hormones.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Murphey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bradway seconded to motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Garber-Wellington Policy Committee  
**FROM:** John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources Division  
**DATE:** December 16, 2004  
**SUBJECT:** Phase II Stormwater Permit

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The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has issued the proposed Phase II General Permit for public comment and review. All comments are due by December 30, 2004. ACOG will discuss with its members a regional response and comment as well as the proposed regional educational program on December 10 at 10:00 AM in the ACOG Board Room.

DEQ has drafted this general permit in compliance with the Phase II rules of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System as required under 40 CFR § 122.34(d)(2). Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems within U.S. Census Urbanized Areas and those outside urbanized areas that have a population of 10,000 up to 100,000 and a minimum density of 1,000 people per square mile will be required to obtain coverage under this permit. Approximately 45 Oklahoma communities will require permit coverage. This general permit will cover discharges from the municipal storm sewer system.

Two (2) public meetings will be held to discuss the permit and solicit comments. An informal meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M., December 15, 2004 in the First Floor Multi-Purpose Room of the DEQ building located at 707 N. Robinson Ave., Oklahoma City, OK. A second informal meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M., December 16, 2004 in the Mohawk Auditorium at the Mohawk Water Treatment Plant located at 3600 N. Mohawk Blvd., Tulsa, OK.

**This is a new permit.** The issuance procedure for this permit is based on the Oklahoma Environmental Code found at Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-14-101, et seq. and (OAC) 252:004-7.

Persons and associations wishing to file comments and/or request that the DEQ hold a formal public meeting on the draft permit are required to do so in writing to the DEQ at the point of contact listed in this notice within thirty (30) days after the date of publication. Requests for a formal public meeting should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the title of the permit to which the objection or comment(s) relates, (3) the nature and basis of the interest of the person

affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis therefore, and any requested action by the DEQ. A formal public meeting may be scheduled if there is a significant degree of public interest. Notice of the date, time and place of the hearing will be given to all parties of record, and published in this newspaper.

Comments may also be made at either of the informal meetings on December 15, 2004 and December 16, 2004 or by e-mail to the address below. To obtain a copy of the proposed permit and/or fact sheet, submit comments, or to request a formal public meeting, submit your request to:

Ms. Kim Wyatt  
Water Quality Division, 8th Floor  
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality  
707 N. Robinson  
P.O. Box 1677  
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677  
405-702-8100  
e-mail: kim.wyatt@deq.state.ok.us

A copy of the proposed permit and fact sheet are available on the Web at:  
<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/WQDnew/stormwater/ms4/index.html>

Following the comment period, a responsiveness summary addressing all comments received will be prepared by the DEQ and provided to all persons submitting comments.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** GWPC  
**FROM:** John M. Harrington, Division Director, Water Resources Division  
**DATE:** December 16, 2004  
**RE:** Progress Report

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Contracts with OSE have been signed for the ACOG pathogen study next summer project.

The draft for the Phase I arsenic study report is out for comment and review. Final report due in late March.

A geochemical model for a North Canadian DO model is currently in preparation. Garber-Wellington databases are also being updated to reflect new oil and gas well information.

ACOG and INCOG as well as several Phase II cities are participating with the DEQ in an effort to include all Phase II stormwater participants in the public review and comment. DEQ has enlisted their help in the two public meetings this month in preparation of materials and presentations.