

CROSS CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD

Second Public Meeting

Wednesday September 7, 2005

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Eugene Water and Electric Board - Community Room

500 East 4th Avenue

Eugene OR 97440

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Agenda & Minutes

I. Call to Order

At 11:10 AM

II. Introductions

Board members: Steve West, James Clark, Monica Anderson, Mary Howell, Pat Dorning, Ron Robertson, Jerry Thomas (all members present)

DHS: Kate Mattimore, Ron Hall (Ron presented an announcement from Dr Susan Allen, Oregon State Public Health Officer about the return of the Cross Connection Program to the Drinking Water Program effective Sept. 1, 2005)

Public in attendance: Ray Johnson, City of Redmond, Mike Briesemeister, EWEB, Becky Slabaugh, Mechanical Agents, Arlo Langford, City of The Dalles.

III. Approval of Minutes - May 27, 2005 meeting

Approved as submitted

IV. DHS Reports

Legislative Update on House Bills (HB) that passed:

HB 3108 provides funding for the Program by collecting annual fees from community public water systems (PWS). Four categories of fees are based on the number of connections within a PWS; 15-99 connections would pay \$30 per year; 100-999 would pay \$75; 1,000-9,999 would pay \$200; and, the largest PWS serving over 10,000 connections would pay \$350 per year.

HB 3093 exempts licensed plumbers and registered plumber apprentices from obtaining DHS certification as a Tester. This bill also provides for equivalent training and continuing education for plumbers that test backflow assemblies.

HB 2069 allows repair for properly licensed Landscape Contractors that are also DHS-certified Testers.

HB 2094 allows state programs to voluntarily expand 2-year certifications to 3, 4, or 5 years with corresponding equivalent annual fees and continuing education requirements.

HB 2545 allows reasonable costs for providing a requestor with public records.

Oregon Administrative Rules for the Program must be revised to reflect the legislative changes to the Oregon Revised Statutes. Draft rule information from DHS will be distributed, a comment period will be opened and public hearings

held before expected adoption of this revision expected by January 2006. This is a good time to consider and recommend minor housekeeping, consistency and clarity changes to the rules from our issues list.

Unnamed Board Positions – Plumbing Inspector, Joe McNelly was unanimously approved. DHS will notify Joe and provide him information about CCAB. The **public member** position remains open. Motion made and agreed to send letters to candidates with suggested board experience, minimal technical experience and those who could serve as a voice for the general public. Submit potential names to DHS for action. A conference call with DHS and CCAB members could be arranged to decide on a public member for appointment prior to the December 2005 meeting.

V. Old Business

Program funding is now off the list of issues due to passage of HB 3108.

Many thanks to efforts on many fronts including Steve West and Libby Henry at EWEB, Amanda Rich and Burton Weast of Western Advocates representing Local 290 with Ron Murray, J L Wilson of Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association, support from OCCSRS, DHS staff and many more.

Administrative Rules revision Discussion about previously suggested housekeeping additions or clarifications since rules will be open to add legislative changes. Agreed to add several clarifying definitions: **vault** " An approved enclosure above or below ground to house a backflow prevention assembly that complies with the local administrative authority having jurisdiction"; **Bore-sighted drain to daylight** definition was discussed and further input will be collected by Steve West with email notification to all CCAB members. The final suggestion used by DHS was "means an unrestricted straight-line opening in an enclosure that vents to grade and is sized and constructed to adequately drain the full flow discharge from a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly thus preventing any potential for submersion of the assembly."

Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker definition was improved by adding "non-testable" and "Product and material approval is under Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code".

Agreed to add "and/or the local authority having jurisdiction" to OAR 333-061-0071(1)(a). Agreed to add "no direct connection" to storm or sewer drains in OAR 333-061-0071(9)(f). Correct (9)(c) punctuation and add "or caps".

Annual Summary Report revision will be ongoing with Mary Howell as primary contact for input and reporting to CCAB.

VI. New Business

Topical issue- DHS presented information on Plumbing Code approval of **vented dual check valves** for carbonator (soda machine) protection replacing the previously required reduced pressure assemblies. The vented dual check standard should be ASSE 1022. The plumbing code book shows ASSE 1032 (non-vented). A code interpretation should be coming out soon from the Chief Plumbing Inspector to clarify this change.

Does/should OAR Table 1 have options?

Related to technological advances such as stand-alone equipment not connected to the public water supply (self contained photographic equipment). Discussion resulted in recommendation for inclusion of a reference to the premise isolation requirements in OAR 333-061-0070(8) in Table 1 to be included in the next rules revision for clarity. The water purveyor may accept in-house isolation as adequate protection. It was also suggested to swap the A and B subsections under OAR 333-061-0070(8)(a) to make it flow smoother.

Recommendation to LCB

Due to HB 2069, the Landscape Contractor's Board requested the CCAB to make recommendations for qualifications that would enable a DHS-certified Tester to competently repair backflow assemblies. CCAB discussed and recommended that a DHS-certified Tester take an additional 24-hour repair course that includes safety, troubleshooting repairs, hands-on training and access to manufacturers reference materials for specific or new information. Mary Howell and Kate Mattimore will present this recommendation to the Landscape Contractor's Board meeting September 16th in Seaside. A letter was sent to LCB from DHS summarizing the CCAB recommendations prior to their meeting for review by their board members.

Test gauge calibrator requirements

CCAB agreed to define responsibilities for qualifications and industry standards to become a calibrator to ensure standards and accountability. DHS currently does not grant approval to calibrators as was done in the past. Some calibration reports were questionable during this renewal period. There was no suggested solution and this will require more information so it was added to the list of issues to consider.

Repair issue

CCAB agreed to move repair to the top priority on the issues list. Suggestions from members included preparing a legislative bill using the example of Washington State's repair bill as a model. Sponsors and lobbyists will be needed to move the bill forward. Current rules related to who can presently do repair was discussed.

---- Brief break for a pizza and salad luncheon generously provided by EWEB ----

VII. Advisory Board Member Reports

The CCAB expressed their collective thanks to Dr Grant Higginson for his leadership and assistance to the Cross Connection Program.

VIII. Correspondence

Attached - none

IX. Public Comment

Ray Johnson made a suggestion for the rules revision discussion that instead of adding definitions for "vault" and "bore-sighted drain" to just eliminate these undefined words in the context of the rules.

X. Adjournment

At 2:30 PM