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### **DPH Environmental Engineering Program** **June 26, 2013 Code Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting**

#### **Meeting Sign-in and CAC Member Updates**

- CADH
- CEHA: Soils Training Workshop, October 23 & 24, 2013, Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington, CT
- COWRA
- CAWPCAs
- DEEP: Notice of Tentative Decision to Issue *General Permit for the Discharge of Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater* has been issued. Informational meeting July 2, 2013, Comments due by July 19, 2013. Info at: [Notice of Tentative Decision](#)
- HB & RA of CT: Water storage tanks for sprinkler systems.
- Professional Engineers (CEPP, CSPE, CSCE)
- Soil Scientists

#### **Legislative Updates**

- Connecticut General Assembly web link: <http://www.cga.ct.gov>
- Raised legislation that did not pass: Establishment of Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) Task Force, Health Care Institutions Prohibition Against Disposing of Unused Medications into Septic Systems, Expansion of Municipal WPCA Authority to Include Septic Tanks on Private Property, CWSRF \$ for Low Interest Loan Program for Septic System Repairs & Replacements.
- Legislation that passed this session:
  1. Public Act No. 13-257: An Act Concerning (AAC) the Expiration of Approvals for On-site Sewage Disposal Systems with Design Flows of Less than 5,000 GPD. Applies to valid permits & approvals issued before 7/1/11 and extends expiration date to 9 years. DPH to issue Circular Letter noting legislation does not affect septic system approvals to construct issued pursuant to PHC Sec. 19-13-B013.
  2. Section 10 of Public Act No. 13-209: Repeals requirement that DEEP adopt regulations to require registration of sewage system additives.
  3. Public Act No. 13-15: AAC Sea Level Rise & the Funding of Projects by the CWF. Sea level rise becomes a consideration factor for CWSRF projects.
  4. Special Act No. 13-9: AAC Climate Change Adaptation & Data Collection. DEEP & UConn to prepare report on the establishment of a CT Center for Coasts, and the report will include sea level rise matters (E & S, sea walls, storm impacts, etc.)

#### **DCP Well Drilling and Geothermal System Regulations**

- DPH provided DCP comments on May 8, 2013 relative to siting closed loop geothermal systems near septic systems, and CAC's on-going consideration for Technical Standards' revisions to Table 1, Item P.

#### **Right to Know of a Sewage Spill**

- The website for combined sewage overflows created pursuant to Part 1 of Public Act No. 12-11 has gone on-line on June 1, 2013: [Right to know sewage spill](#). Work on Part 2 of the legislation continues.



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## **Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Matters**

- **Long Island Sound Study (LISS): Update of the 1994 Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan (CCMP):** The LISS is updating the CCMP in 2013 and 2014. EEP has notified DEEP of our interest to be involved with the update process.
- **NPS Management Program Plan:** DEEP has started process to hire consultant to facilitate the update the NPS Management Plan. Work group being formed. EEP has requested to be kept in the loop on this matter, and recommended decentralized sewage stakeholder organizations be invited to participate in the process. See attached June 21, 2013 Hust/Haverstock email.
- **Stormwater & Low Impact Development (LID) Matters:** DEEP has indicated that a green infrastructure/LID conference is planned for the fall of 2013. EEP has requested to be kept in the loop on the conference specifics, and is looking to ensure decentralized sewage system matters are properly addressed.

## **Conservation and Development Plan**

- *Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut, 2013-2018.* The General Assembly adopted plan, which is available on OPM's website: [OPM website](#).

## **Leaching System Effective Leaching Area (ELA) Ratings**

- Schematics being prepared to facilitate further discussions on possible revisions to ELA rating protocols. Correspondence concerning ELA rating protocols not yet sent to concrete pre-casters, proprietary leaching system companies, and entities that previously provided DPH comments on ELA rating matters. The CAC will be copied on the correspondence and it will be posted on DPH's web site.

## **Revisions to the *Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems* (Technical Standards)**

- Program work plan function changes may result in a delay in the next revision of the Technical Standards. Previous CAC agendas have noted that the next revision is anticipated to be published on January 1, 2014; however there is the possibility that the date may be moved back until January 1, 2015.

## **Maximum Groundwater Monitoring**

- Above normal precipitation in early to mid-June, 2013 has resulted in a spike in groundwater levels to normal peak wet-season levels; however it is unlikely the monitoring period will be extended beyond the code established May 31<sup>st</sup> end of wet season date since groundwater levels are not anticipated to be elevated to normal peak levels for a 30-day period.