

**Minutes**  
**Environmental Protection Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**October 21, 2013**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chairman  
William Bagwell, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Addison  
Phyllis Johnson  
Aaron McWhorter  
Mark Mobley  
Mark Phelps  
Rob Leebern, Board Chairman, ed-officio

Board Members

Dwight Davis  
Duncan Johnson  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Mark Smith  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Melony Wilson, The University of Georgia  
Jeffrey A. Harvey, Farm Bureau  
Charles Griffin, GPPA  
Terry Danforth, GPPA  
Leon Watkins, Inert Landfill  
Bob Hanner, GSWCC  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company  
Stephen Lanier, Georgia Power Company  
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power  
Gina Rogers, Georgia Wildlife Federation  
David Word, Joe Tanner and Associates  
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network  
Lauren Joy, Southern Environmental Law Center  
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance  
Anup Shah, Metro Atlanta Chamber

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Homer Bryson  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Eddie Henderson  
Spud Woodward  
Steve Friedman  
Lauren Curry  
Kyle Pearson  
Zachary Harris  
Mary Walker  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Russ Pennington  
Cathy Barnette  
Taylor Brown  
Terry West  
Doug Haymans  
Jeff Cown  
Jac Capp  
Antoinette Norfleet

The October 21, 2013 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Chairman Lambert called on Jeff Cown, Chief of the Land Protection Branch, to present the proposed amendments to the Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4, pertaining to inert waste landfills.

Mr. Cown stated Rule 391-3-4-.06(3)(c), "Inert Waste Landfill Operations," was being amended to add language to provide a mechanism for existing inert waste landfills to be exempted from the permitting process if certified by a Professional Engineer registered in Georgia as being in full compliance with all permit by rule requirements as they existed on January 1, 2012. He further stated these facilities may continue to operate as a permit by rule.

Mr. Cown stated the Board was briefed on this item in August. He further stated a public hearing was held on September 19, 2013. He added EPD received one emailed comment and one comment was presented orally at the public hearing.

Mr. Cown stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item, as presented.

Chairman Lambert asked Mr. Cown how many landfills this currently applied to.

Mr. Cown stated EPD had received three applications from landfills and expect a few more. He further stated the provision provides the certification be in place by January 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4, pertaining to inert waste landfills, as presented.

Chairman Lambert called on Jac Capp, Chief of the Watershed Protection Branch, to present the proposed amendments to Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5, pertaining to miscellaneous updates.

Mr. Capp stated the purpose of the proposed amendments was to maintain consistency with federal drinking water regulations, improve readability, and allow electronic delivery of consumer confidence reports.

Mr. Capp stated the Board was briefed via email on this item in June and no comments were received during the public notice period.

Mr. Capp stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item, as presented.

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Addison and carried unanimously that the committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5, pertaining to miscellaneous updates, as presented.

Chairman Lambert called on Jud Turner, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his division update.

Director Turner stated EPD is still in the process of renovating floors of the East Tower. He further stated the Director's office had moved to the fourteenth floor and the Land Branch had moved to the tenth floor. He added the Water Branch would be moving to the building in February of 2014.

Director Turner gave an update on the importance of the Governor's Water Supply Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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