

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)
STEERING COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2008, 2:30–4:00 PM

Members Present: Michael Beach, Steve Goode, Joe Hunsaker, John Linn, Amanda Long - Assistant to the Director, Charles Otto, Douglas Sackett - Director, Lee Tate - Project Coordinator.

Members Absent: Chip Cleary, David Ludwig, Chuck Neuman, Bob Vincent.

1. July 9th Conference Call Minutes: The Steering Committee (SC) approved the July 9 conference call minutes.

2. Technical Committee (TC) Updates:

Disinfection & Water Quality - The Disinfection & Water Quality TC held their first conference call. Tracynda Davis was selected as the vice-chairperson of the committee. The TC considered additional topics for the disinfection and water quality sections of the Strawman. The SC agreed that the TC could propose changes to the Strawman, which is a working document, as long as they did not change the overall structure of the document. The TC received an overview of the Collaboration Site. They will continue this training on the next call.

Contamination Burden - The SC approved the member list for the Contamination Burden TC. The new members will be contacted by the chairperson. The SC discussed the reasoning behind the TC title “Contamination Burden” versus “Bather Load”. The intent is to show that the committee will focus on many factors when considering bather load, not just the traditional number of people per square foot of surface area.

TC Chairpersons - The SC is in the process of determining chairpersons for the Monitoring & Testing and Filtration & Recirculation TCs.

3. TC Scopes of Work: Comments were requested for the draft “TC Scopes of Work” document. This document will provide the TCs with an understanding of their tasks and focus. The TCs should refine and add to this document, yet keep it in the overall scope of the Strawman.

4. Discuss Module Status:

Fecal/Vomit/Blood (FVB) Contamination Response Module - The module is undergoing final revisions; the module will then be posted for public comment on the MAHC website for 60 days.

FVB Contamination Response Annex - The annex will not be posted with the module, as it needs further review. SC members were asked to send in ideas on what should be included in the annex. The format will be somewhat similar to the code sections, but will have broader section numbers. The intent is for the content not to resemble code too much, since it is supplemental guidance.

Response to Enteric Illness Outbreaks - The corresponding MMWR to CDC’s Crypto Outbreak Response Document will be published in September. The SC was asked to comment on how to adapt the draft document for the MAHC annex. They should decide if the annex would cover general enteric illnesses or be specific to Cryptosporidium.

5. Next Steps: Comments were requested for the FVB Contamination Response module annex, CDC’s Enteric Illness document, TC Scopes of Work, and Strawman. The SC will meet at the World Aquatic Health Conference in Colorado Springs, CO on October 15 from 8:30-11:30 AM. The next conference call will be held on September 10 at 2:30 PM EST.