

Minutes
STRONGER Board Meeting
Teleconference
August 17, 2007

Call to Order –

Wilma Subra, Subra Company, Vice-Chair, Environmental
Hal Fitch, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Secretary/ Treasurer, State
Tom Stewart, Ohio Oil & Gas Association, Industry
Kathy Martin, Sierra Club, Environmental
Lori Wrotenbery, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, State
Bob Sandilos, Chevron, Industry
Bob Wilson, Virginia Division of Gas & Oil, State
Bill Hochheiser, USDOE
Jim Erb, Consultant
Mike Paque, Staff
Mike Nickolaus, Staff
Dan Yates, Staff

1. Discussion and approval of June 28-29 minutes–

Lori Wrotenbery moved approval, Kathy Martin seconded. Approved

2. Status of State Reviews and Scheduling –

- **Mississippi** – No new information
- **Colorado** – No new information
- **Nevada** – Mike Paque indicated he would have a discussion with the Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection regarding a possible review.
- **Tennessee** – Consideration of the draft report. Kathy Martin asked Jim Erb to describe the issue with a recommendation regarding the move of the division from one agency to another and the state opposition to this recommendation. Jim Erb noted that such a recommendation might have a chilling effect on future reviews since it was something that state did not want to happen. Bob Wilson said he believes the problem occurred when the team was not made aware of the states position during the review because the state did not respond when the industry representative made the recommendation. A question was raised regarding the status of the review critique forms and Lori Wrotenbery asked staff to follow up with the team members and state on the critiques. Kathy Martin moved approval of the Tennessee Review Report, Tom Stewart seconded. Approved.
- **Other** - Discussion of GWPC efforts regarding new state reviews. Mike Paque noted he had discussed a possible Alaska review with Commissioner Cathy Foerster and would discuss this with her again at the GWPC Annual Forum.

Bob Wilson noted that his appointment is expiring and someone will need to be appointed to fill this slot. The State Review Committee also needs to replace Lori Wrotenbery as a state representative on the STRONGER board.

3. API Waste Study Proposal – Activity update. Bob Sandilos said options for STRONGER participation in the study were discussed with API. However, API felt they needed to gather the data under the current protocol and stated that they already had a volunteer to do this. API

suggested STRONGER could possibly peer review the data next year. Consequently, API will not come to STRONGER with a proposal but STRONGER may want to consider proposing a project for peer review next year.

4. Financials Update: Discussion of proposed changes to accounting procedures/ reporting. Mike Nickolaus reported to the board that a new tracking and reporting format for financial information was being developed and that an example of the new financial report would be sent out to the board for review as soon as it was available.
5. 2007 Board Meetings –
(All meetings are conference calls at 9:00 am Central time unless otherwise noted)

September 14

October 19

November 9

December 13-14 Annual Meeting

Establish board schedule for 2008- Deferred for future discussion

Enter Executive Session

6. Other Items –
 - Proposed change to payment method for routine monthly payments.
 - Discussion about payment of invoice from Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease
7. Adjournment –