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SSTS RULE UPDATE



Topics Today

- Rule changes
 - Timing
 - Content
 - Process
 - Ordinance concerns
 - Adopt by reference
 - Adoption deadline
 - Grants and some other stuff
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Rule Changes - Timing

- Draft nearly ready to go to Gov's office
- Public comment this winter – probably December
- Dual track
- Complete by end of fiscal year – June 30, 2009

Rule Changes - Content

- How we got here
 - Typos, missed citations, access hole placement
 - Problems identified by LGUs (frequent ?'s)
- Grew into big changes
- SSTS AC advised to make only minimal changes
- This is the “essential” changes draft
- See handout

Rule Changes - Process

- Three unfinished issues
 - Soil tables
 - Type III clarification
 - Licensing level for Type IV single family
- All areas of the rule will be open to comment but we would have to start over to address major changes from what is proposed

Ordinance Concerns




Adopt by Reference

- Options for ordinance:
 - Adopt by reference with future changes
 - Adopt by reference current rule, include specific language from proposed changes
 - Adopt by reference current rule, change again after rules complete
- Local variation is allowed – must provide same level of protection or else go through Alternative Local Standards process



Things to Think About

- Proposed rule language is more flexible, would provide additional options for implementation
 - Rule language will be pretty well set when MPCA files response to comments (February or March)
 - MPCA is seeking a cooperative approach in working with counties
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Adoption Deadline

- Rule and law says “two years after final rule”, so Feb 4, 2010, is deadline
- MPCA looks to practical impacts – as long as it’s in place by the start of the construction season, we would consider the deadline met
- Impacts on grant decisions would occur if ordinance changes are not in place by end of fiscal year - June 30, 2010

Grants

- Education stipends through NRBG
- Videoconference on October 23
 - More info on SSTS competitive grants
 - Examples from past projects
 - Connect from your office or ours – contact Mary West to set it up
- RFP's on BWSR site at:

<http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/CWL/index.html>

Some other stuff

- Loss of staff – SW
- Product registration progress
- Tank registration progress
- Newsletter going electronic
- Inventory Plan firing up – due Sept 15, 2010
- Database software



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