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**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting on May 21, 2015

Approved on June 18, 2015

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**Meeting Location:** MassDEP SERO  
20 Riverside Drive  
Lakeville, MA 02347

**List of Documents Used at the Meeting:**

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes of Meeting on April 16, 2015
3. Course List
  - a. **Call to Order:** Farooq Siddique called the meeting to order at approximately 12:36 p.m. The Board members in attendance were Ben Ericson, David Austin, Kirk Franklin, Deb Listernick, and Robert Rein. Board members Kathleen Campbell, Jack Guswa, and Gail Batchelder and James Smith were absent. Staff members present were Beverly Coles-Roby and Lori Williamson. Also present was Wendy Rundle, Executive Director of the Licensed Site Professional Association ("LSPA").
  - b. **Previous Minutes:** The draft minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2015, were approved as amended. Kirk Franklin and Robert Rein abstained from voting to approve the minutes.

4. **Old Business:** None

5. **New Business**

A. **Course Approval Requests:**

1. American Institute of Professional Geologists: *Interpretation of Surficial Geologic Maps to Develop Conceptual Site Models* (8 Technical credits, online course) **Recommend Approval.**
2. MassDEP: *Quantitative Evaluation for Greener Cleanups Using SEFA* (4 DEP-Regulatory credits, October 19, 2015, Amherst, MA) **Recommend Approval.**
3. Remediation Partners Consortium: *Hazardous Materials Management for Environmental Remediation Professionals* (8 Technical credits, mid-June 2015, location to be determined) **Tabled.**
4. LSPA: *2015 Soil Management Options: Will The Crisis Be Averted?* (1 Technical credit, May 12, 2015, Westborough, MA) **Recommend Approval.**
5. LSPA: *New Data for Background Indoor Air Levels of VOCs and APH In Office Buildings and Schools* (1 Technical credit, June 11, 2015, Westborough, MA) **Recommend Approval.**

Mr. Franklin asked how No. A (1), *Interpretation of Surficial Geologic Maps to Develop Conceptual Site Models* related to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (“MCP”). Mr. Siddique responded that it is very pertinent to what LSPs do. He also noted that it is an eight hour course. He continued, informing the Committee that the provider’s description discussed maintaining records, and if an assessment of learning is conducted then that meets the Board’s requirements. Mr. Austin said that the course did not need an assessment of learning. Mr. Ericson explained that the course has features to assure that the attendees remain on-line, answer questions, and follow the materials. Ms. Williamson said that the course description indicated that the attendees would provide and evaluation to the instructor, and he would evaluate the submissions. Mr. Austin said he thought it was a very good course.

Mr. Siddique commented that No. A (2), *Quantitative Evaluation for Greener Cleanups Using SEFA* sounded very interesting. Ms. Listernick agreed. Mr. Austin added that this course is perfectly timed. He told the Committee, it is a niche but it definitely has a place. Mr. Austin also said that the course is no different than a course on ecological risk; greener cleanup is a requirement of the MCP. Mr. Ericson abstained from voting to approve the course.

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Ms. Listernick said that the Board usually does not approve courses such as No. A (3), *Hazardous Materials Management for Environmental Remediation Professionals*, Mr. Austin told the Committee that he was confused by the offering. It was in his view, trying to include a lot under a number of different programs. Mr. Ericson stated that there is a lot of MCP in the course. Mr. Rein added that there are things included that you need to know. Mr. Austin thought that although it is good for LSPs to know something outside the MCP, he thought that this was not a good course because it is all over the place, although the content is applicable. He informed the Committee that he deals with these things all the time with MCP sites. He concluded that the course was a waste of time. He in fact, thought that the individual content was good. Mr. Franklin noted that the Committee could not approve the course because it had not done so in the past. Mr. Austin divulged that he knows most of the instructors. Mr. Ericson similarly knows one of the instructors. He asserted that the instructor is well qualified in his subject area. Mr. Siddique commented that when he sees something like this such as the Clean Water Act, it does affect remediation considerations. In turn, Mr. Franklin said that he thought that was a stretch. Mr. Rein suggested that the overview was a good thing for LSPs. Mr. Ericson noted that there is tension between the Committee having denied these courses that were ancillary to the LSPs' work in the past. He questioned whether the Committee had a "quality meter." Ms. Listernick answered "yes" there must be a "quality meter" as to course content. Mr. Franklin wondered where the Committee drew the line. Mr. Austin reasoned that the Committee should ask for more detail on how the course related to LSP work. Mr. Ericson concurred saying that he thought the Committee needed to dig in more. He asked whether the provider had a scheduled date for the course. Ms. Williamson reported that that course would be offered in mid-June. Ms. Rundle commented that provider met with the LSPA, but there was no plan to offer the course. Mr. Franklin explained that the Board is autonomous and not here for the LSPA or MassDEP, but at the end of the day the Committee must ask what courses LSPs should take instead. It is he thought, watering down their education. Despite that, he recognized that it is difficult to find courses when an LSP's license is up for renewal, but you do not want LSPs taking this course instead of Vapor Intrusion. Mr. Franklin said that the course looks too much like a grab bag. Mr. Ericson inquired whether the Committee approved OSHA type courses. He maintained that the Committee needed more information. Mr. Siddique agreed saying that the presenters are quite knowledgeable, and LSPs might get something good out of it. Ms. Williamson will request more information from the provider. The decision was tabled pending receipt of that information.

Course Nos. A (4) and (5), *2015 Soil Management Options: Will The Crisis Be Averted?; New Data for Background Indoor Air Levels of VOCs and APH In Office Buildings and Schools* were recommended for approval.

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**B. Course Re-Approval Request:**

- NEWMOA: *TCE Vapor Intrusion: State of the Science, Regulations, & Technical Options Workshop* (5.5 Technical credits, May 20, 2015, West Lebanon, NH) **Recommend Approval.**

With respect to, *TCE Vapor Intrusion: State of the Science, Regulations, & Technical Options Workshop*, Ms. Williamson explained that the course has slightly different content, a new instructor but would retain the same numeric designation. The course was re-approved with Mr. Ericson abstaining from voting to approve it.

**6. Future Meetings: To Be Determined.**

**7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:13 p.m.