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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on June 21, 2017 Approved on August 16, 2017

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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 June 1, 2017

Call to Order: Co-chairperson David Austin called the meeting to order at approximately 12:32 p.m. The Board members in attendance were Maria Pinaud, Debra Listernick, Dr. Gail Batchelder, Kathleen Campbell, and James N. Smith. Board members Kirk Franklin and Farooq Siddique arrived at 12:37 p.m. Staff members present were Beverly Coles-Roby and Lori Williamson. Gerard Martin and Deborah Marshall of MassDEP were also present.

1. Previous Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting held on June 1, 2017, were approved as amended.

2. Old Business: None

3. New Business:

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A. Course Approval Requests:

- Midwest GeoSciences Group: <u>Managing the Complexities and Uncertainties of Soil</u> <u>Sequences: For Hydrogeological and Geotechnical Investigations- Part 1, Principles</u> (16 Technical credits, September 12-13, 2017, Exton, PA) Recommend Approval.
- MassDEP: <u>Meeting the Requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge</u> <u>Elimination System (NPDES) Remediation General Permit</u> (4 DEP-Regulatory credits, June 27, 2017, Boxborough, MA) Recommend Approval.

Ms. Campbell questioned whether course A2, <u>Meeting the Requirements of the National</u> <u>Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Remediation General Permit</u>, was a MassDEP course. Dr. Batchelder said that she thought the course was a MassDEP course. Ms. Listernick agreed with Ms. Campbell: the course was not a MassDEP course under 309 CMR 3.09 ["a course must be taught in whole or in substantial part by Department personnel . . ."]. As grounds, Ms. Listernick stated that the Board should follow its regulations so as not to set a precedent. Ms. Campbell added that the Board should hold a firm line in not approving such courses. Ms. Pinaud informed the Committee that the federal Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") employees serving as faculty represented MassDEP in this instance. Both Ms. Listernick and Ms. Campbell indicated that they would not vote to approve the course. Dr. Batchelder and Mr. Siddique suggested that the course be approved with a clarification noted in the meeting minutes. Accordingly, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the course with the clarification from Ms. Pinaud, i.e., EPA will teach the course as MassDEP's representative and on that basis, it met the Board's regulatory requirements for approval.

B. Course Re-Approval Request:

3. LSPA: <u>Sediment, Surface Water, and Biota Sampling Methods to Support MCP</u> <u>Assessments</u> (8 Technical credits, June 22, 2017, Woods Hole/Falmouth) (Course #1603) **Recommend Approval.**

Ms. Williamson noted that course B3, *Sediment, Surface Water, and Biota Sampling Methods to Support MCP Assessments*, must be re-approved because the change of instructors constituted a substantial change under the Board's regulations.

4. Future Meetings: August 16, 2017--MassDEP CERO

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:46 p.m.