

askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, and Grease Education Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Zoom conferencing or conference call

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the Subcommittee members, staff, and the general public, the askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, and Grease Education Subcommittee meeting was held electronically via Zoom. These electronic meetings are required to complete essential business on behalf of the region. A recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Attendance:

Amanda Albright, HRSD
Chad Krejcarek, PQ
Jerry Hoddinott, CH
Regina Duncan, HA
Chelsey Daughtrey, SM
Cathy Filipowski, CH

Lindsay Dierks, NO
Thomas Fauber, JCSA
Amy Zieman, YK
Erin Trimyer, CH
Katie Cullipher, HRPDC
Rebekah Eastep, HRPDC

The meeting summary was as follows:

1. Meeting Summary

The Committee reviewed the January meeting summary.

Action: The meeting summary was approved.

2. Events

The current list of events is as follows:

3/26 - 3/27	Great American Cleanup	Hampton Roads
3/27 - 3/28	2021 Daffodil Festival	Gloucester
4/10	Go Green Fest	York
6/12	Park Event	Virginia Beach
6/19	ERP RiverFest	TBD - Chesapeake

askHRgreen Recycling & Beautification Committee will host the Great American Cleanup, March 26-27. Small groups of volunteers are needed to assist with community cleanups. Registration is open now at askHRgreen.org.

Action: Volunteers are needed for the Great American Cleanup, March 26-27.

3. FY21 Campaigns

HRPDC staff reviewed the FY21 media schedule.

- Grease Grinch scheduled (11.23 - 12.06) – *completed*
- What Not to Flush (February 8-21) – The WNTF campaign is currently running. HRPDC staff provided a copy of the news release issued regarding flushable wipes and protecting pipes.

Action: None.

4. Printing & Promotional Materials

HRPDC staff can support education and outreach activities by providing promotional materials upon request. A portion of the FY21 promotional items budget went towards consultant fees for updating regional FOG documents (ordinance, sizing standards, etc.)

Items available for pickup:

- sludge judges/extensions (to those localities who requested them)
- “What Not to Flush” game magnets/magnet boards
- FOG coloring books
- WNTF stickers – order should arrive this week

At the January meeting, the Committee asked HRPDC staff to prepare quotes for the following items:

- No grease stickers (3”x3”)
- Sink strainers
- Measuring tapes (six-foot, with keychain) - for use with sizing fixtures and interceptors
- Clear 18-inch rulers - for use in measuring contents of grease traps

The Committee reviewed quotes provided by HRPDC staff and decided to purchase 10,000 No Grease stickers. The Committee would like to hold off on additional items until the new fiscal year.

- Stickers should be bundled in 100s
- Virginia Beach would like to purchase an additional 2,500 stickers. Localities can always be invoiced separately for any additional items they would like to purchase.
- HRPDC staff can provide a distribution of stickers by population for dividing stickers up regionally (including HRSD).

Action: HRPDC staff will request quotes for 10,000 No Grease stickers and provide a sample regional allocation for Committee review.

5. FOG Regional Program

HRPDC staff has created a tracking document for each locality to provide details about changes to local FOG programs. Committee members should provide any updates on local approvals of the FOG GCD Enforcement MOA as they become available:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jjez5Jhdqc4dqunnWd_ZrkQL6b4vXeWz-nRzfBTXopk/edit#gid=0

HRPDC staff have been in contact with VBCOA regarding upcoming newsletter schedule and format. HRPDC staff recommended setting up a workgroup to discuss article content and any next steps with VDHCD. HRSD, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach will work on crafting an article for Committee review.

Action: Committee members should update the tracking document for local FOG programs when updates are available. A Committee working group will meet to discuss next steps for VBCOA/VDHCD outreach opportunities.

6. FOG Website & Training Updates

HRPDC staff have met with CDM Smith to update the HRFOG.com Enhancements List.

The Committee reviewed the list of enhancements and provided the following feedback:

- Purge users – HRPDC staff will inquire if a manual quarterly correction may be a more reasonable fix than making it an automated process.
- Consider if database structure needs to be modernized along with the website
- When looking at updated testing options, look for opportunities to integrate the training with the test administration (i.e. the user would have to review training documents before gaining access to the test, could be hosted in separate modules/chapters)
- CDM Smith should not spend time on any enhancements which would be nullified should the website platform be updated.

The Committee reviewed changes to the FOG training documents and tests.

- The Committee discussed cleaning variances due to COVID impacts.
- Ghost kitchens produce food for a variety of restaurants from a single location. These establishments complicate both certification of employees, sizing of interceptors, and responsibility for compliance (i.e. must handle like a property manager v. individual restaurants).

- Amanda will add some additional content to training documents to cover yellow grease.
- HGI cleaning guide reformatted to a rack card which could be professionally printed and kept in stock for instances when self-cleaning is allowed.
- Video demonstrations of cup and ruler methods for measuring grease in HGIs would be helpful additions to reference on the HGI cleaning guide rack card

Action: HRPDC staff will work with CDM Smith on HRFOG.com enhancements and updating FOG certification training documents.

7. Roundtable & Public Comment

- Virginia Beach
 - Brent Werlein received feedback on changes submitted for the IPC.
 - Targeted mailing for wipes and what not to flush.
- HRSD
 - HRSD Williamsburg Plant shutting down for repairs (will be down weeks to months). This will impact grease haulers as this is a grease-receiving location.
 - Hauled waste rate (including FOG) may be increasing. Pricing may potentially break down by type of waste being discharged. Researching a possible increase since there has been no increase in many years.
 - Chesapeake-Elizabeth Treatment Plant on Shore Drive will be closing in October and waste will be diverted to the Atlantic Treatment Plant.
 - Six internships available to assist with boater pump out program.
 - Discussed epoxy v. acid resistant lining for GGIs

Action: None.

8. Staff Reports

- *Budget* - The Committee reviewed the FY21 budget. Using reserve funds for printing and promotional items.
- *December Digital Marketing Report* – HRPDC staff provided the January Digital Marketing Report for review.
- *Green Learning Guide* - The Committee was reminded that edits for the reprinted Green Learning Guide are due by the end of February.

Action: Committee members may submit changes to the Green Learning Guide.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021.