

askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, and Grease Education Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Zoom conferencing or conference call

To protect the public health and safety of the Committee members and staff, the askHRgreen.org FOG Education Committee meeting was held electronically via Zoom. A recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Attendance:

Brent Werlein, VB
Lindsay Dierks, NO
Chad Krejcarek, PQ
Amy Zieman, YK
Amy Green, YK

Jason Lee, CH
Jerry Hoddinott, CH
Tom Fauber, JCSA
Katie Cullipher, HRPDC
Rebekah Eastep, HRPDC

The meeting summary was as follows:

1. Meeting Summary

The Committee reviewed the April meeting summary.

Action: The meeting summary was approved.

2. Events

The current list of events is as follows:

5/15	Fix It Fair	Chesapeake
6/16	HRSD Woodstock Park Project	Virginia Beach
7/16	TGIF event	Suffolk
8/20	TGIF event	Suffolk
9/16-19	Isle of Wight County Fair	Windsor
10/6-10/11	Suffolk Peanut Festival	Suffolk

Fix It Fair - Partnership between Chesapeake and Suffolk with support from Norfolk to staff the askHRgreen trailer. Citizens could bring items for repair by fixers as a waste reduction strategy.

Action: Committee members should request supplies or reserve the trailer as needed.

3. Printing & Promotional Materials

Committee members can arrange to pick up supplies as needed from HRPDC staff. Items available for pickup include:

- sludge judges/extensions (to those localities who requested them)

- “What Not to Flush” game magnets/magnet boards
- FOG coloring books
- Green Learning Guides (third and sixth grade)
- WNTF stickers
- No grease stickers (nine-inch and three-inch)

FSE training presentation, certification test, cleaning guides, and yellow grease rack card are being translated into Spanish and Chinese and should be available before the next meeting.

Wendy’s management has reached out regarding an interested in using FOG and WNTF stickers in locations across the region. HRPDC has been in contact but will follow up.

Action: Committee members should schedule supply pickup as needed.

4. Local FOG Programs

Committee members provided updates on local programs.

- Localities should continue to adopt the FOG GCD Enforcement MOA with HRSD.
 - Nine localities have currently adopted the MOA.
 - HRPDC staff will follow-up with the Directors of Utilities on the status of the MOAs.
 - HRSD will wait to sign until all parties have adopted it. Portsmouth has indicated they have no plans to sign it.
- Localities provided updates regarding local implementation plans related to the updated model ordinance and GCD technical standards
 - Norfolk made some adjustments to the sizing standards to collect additional information needed locally on the forms. Norfolk can send the updated forms and also provide a draft worksheet to use as an example on the website.
 - Virginia Beach continues to work on a mailing regarding new sizing standards to local restaurants and will share that letter when finalized. Virginia Beach is also looking into a fee for FSEs to shift cost of program administration from rate payers to those regulated by the FOG ordinance.

Action: HRPDC staff will follow up with Directors of Utilities regarding adoption of the HRSD MOA.

5. FOG Regional Website & Training Updates

CDM Smith has begun implementing enhancements identified by the Committee on the HRFOG task list. Updates include:

- Purging users who have never taken a test or have not attempted to recertify in the last year.
- SSL security tickets have been purchased to secure the site. This increases user confidence in sharing personal information and is a general best practice for website hosting.
- Development of a guided user experience based on profile type is underway. Users will also be able to add their business association upon registration. HRPDC staff will need to review a short list of users who have taken both tests to determine which profile type is accurate.

Action: HRPDC staff will continue to work with CDM Smith on HRFOG.com enhancements.

6. Roundtable & Public Comment

- *HRSD* – budget for approval in June, FOG issues with upcoming marijuana deregulation (edible shops/kitchens should be regulated, can identify these businesses through licensing requirements); continuing issues with collecting FOG during the Williamsburg plant shutdown (trucks over 3,500 gallons must go to Atlantic plant effective April 28), Williamsburg plant repairs may be delayed beyond May 31, Richmond/Chesterfield do not accept grease so plenty of grease is likely coming from outside the service area
- *Virginia Beach* – presenting success of FOG program and SSO reduction to NACWA (since 2012 no FOG state reportable SSOs due to MOM program (hot spot cleaning, root control, etc.) and FOG program), reworking failure notices to require passing inspection from permits & inspections, will be unavailable for the next two weeks
- *York County* - still working to confirm if MOA was adopted
- *JCSA* – Tom has been able to participate in several trainings from Western States Alliance FOG training
- HRPDC staff working with CDM Smith to add notifications for HRSD-related SSOs in locality service areas.

Action: None.

7. Staff Reports

FY21 Budget - HRPDC staff reviewed the FY21 budget. Translation services will come from reserve funds.

April Digital Marketing Report – HRPDC staff provided the April Digital Marketing Report for review.

HRPDC staff are preparing for return to in-person meetings should Governor Northam lift the emergency order allowing virtual meetings. In-person meetings are likely to include a virtual option moving forward.

Action: None.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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