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Public Hearing on Alternate Design Pilot Program

Summary of Testimony by Richard Bizub, July 15, 2010

“Mr. Bizub, with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) was the only member of the public in attendance at the hearing. He said that PPA supported all the provisions of the proposed amendments. He said that his organization had followed this issue since the mid 1990’s, had served on the ad hoc Septic System Committee in 2000 and had long been concerned with allowing Ruck/pressure dosing systems on lots of less than 3.2 acres. He said that PPA was pleased that this proposal clarifies that although pressure dosing systems can be used, they will receive no credit for nitrogen reduction. Furthermore, PPA agreed that it was appropriate to evaluate alternate design systems on a case-by-case basis when used in commercial applications noting that waste loads from non-residential sources can be quite variable, such as the difference between a CVS or a 7-11 store vs. a restaurant. Mr. Bizub said that PPA also appreciated other provisions such as the language clarification related to the testing of total nitrogen (nitrates, nitrites, and total Kjeldhal Nitrogen), the ability of the Executive Director to suspend a technology for substandard performance and the continuing safeguards for the Amphidrome and Bioclere systems (deed notices, Operation/Maintenance manual, alarm requirements, etc.) now that these two systems have been approved. He said that the pilot program had accomplished what had been intended and that the staff was to be complimented on the excellent job in implementing the program.”

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