

**SEWAGE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Laura Kramer Kuns, R.S., Chairperson
Kramer Kuns Consulting, LLC (NE)**

The Sewage Technical Committee dealt with a couple of items in 2017. There was no activity regarding the last version of SB 58 that allows property owners to postpone connection to a sanitary sewer for 15 years. Testimony was prepared in 2016 and is still ready for a review and revision should this legislation re-surface.

Early in 2017, revised piece of legislation Senate Bill 31 that was introduced by Senator John Eklund looked as though there might be several hearings. The bill would allow health districts to revert back to the sewage rules they were using in 2014 with a few provisions. The committee submitted comments and testimony preparation was started in response to the scheduling of a sponsor hearing. No additional hearings were scheduled in 2017 but our lobbyists continue to monitor the status.

The committee membership includes twelve local health district representatives (three from each district), and one representative from the following agencies: ODH, ODNR, and OEPA. The committee routinely reviews pending legislation, OEPA and ODH advisory group recommendations, proposed rule revisions and other sewage related activities. Dan Lark, Director of Environmental Health of the Lake County General Health District is our OEHA member on the ODH Sewage Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Information from the TAC sessions is available on the ODH website. There are two vacancies on the sewage technical committee as indicated below; any member who works in the sewage program in the southwest who is interested in participating on the committee should email the chairman at kramerkunsconsulting@gmail.com. Most of our work is conducted via emails and when necessary we schedule a meeting or conference call.

Current Committee Members

Nate McConoughey, Cuyahoga County	Northeast
Dan Sinclair, Lake County	Northeast
Jim Cogar, Delaware County	Northwest
Eric Cherry, Huron County	Northwest
Kim Cupp, Fulton County	Northwest
Kristen Miller, Jackson County	Southeast
Janelle McManis, Vinton County	Southeast
Ed Shaffer, Muskingum County	Southeast
Kenton Domer-Shank, Montgomery County	Southwest
VACANT	Southwest
Gerry Tipton, Miami County	Southwest
Dusty Gurney	ODH
Mark Stump	OEPA
VACANT	ODNR