

## ACEC/NC and PENC Joint Environmental and Energy Committee

**Meeting Date & Time:** Aug 3, 2023, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Location:** ACEC Office & Virtual - MS Teams Call

### Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions
  - Leah Young, KCI, (ACEC/PENC Chair) – leah.m.young@kci.com
  - **Miles Galloway, The Wooten Company, (ACEC/PENC Co-Chair) – mgalloway@thewootencompany.com**
  - Patrick Waterman, LaBella, (Board Liaison) - waterman@labellapc.com
  - **Emily Robinson, WSP, (Jr. Board Liaison) – [Emily.robinson@wsp.com](mailto:Emily.robinson@wsp.com)**
  - **Monica Fulkerson, Jacobs, (PENC Executive Committee Past-President) – [monica.fulkerson@jacobs.com](mailto:monica.fulkerson@jacobs.com)**
  - **Scarlett Kitts, Black & Veatch, (PENC Executive Committee President) – kittss@bv.com**
  
- Accomplishments of 2022/2023
  - Identified Chairs and Vice Chairs for Subcommittees
  - Re-engaged with NC DEQ leadership with meeting on February 16, 2022
  - Extending opportunities for involvement in Committee by inviting Future Leaders classes
  - Several members participated in 2022/2023 Future Cities
  - Inaugural Fuel NC Workshop
  
- Challenges of 2022/2023
  - Vice Chairs for Committee were unable to be confirmed.
  - Fuel NC participation by NCDEQ
  - Re-engaging NCDEQ Leadership
  
- Goals for 2023-2024
  - Increase collaboration between ACEC and PENC
  - Identify Vice-chair for Environmental Committee
  - Identify Chairs and Vice-Chairs for each Subcommittee
  - Regular meetings with NCDEQ Leadership (2-3 times per year) to develop higher level initiatives / collaboration.
  - Regular meetings (2-3 times per year) with NCDEQ Divisions by Subcommittees
  - Encourage broader participation across state by continuing to host virtual meetings. Looking for more sponsors across state
  - Networking Happy Hour
  - Provide update and a speaker to the FuelNC Workshop
  - Hold 4 meetings of the Environmental Committee as a whole, with at least 3 including a presentation on issues / items of interest to the Environmental Committee as a whole.
    - Each Subcommittee is tasked with providing a speaker for 1 meeting

- Increase active membership and encourage more subcommittee meetings. Increase outreach to other regions of the State to promote wider membership footprint.
- **Subcommittees:**
  - Environmental - TBD (Chair)/ TBD (Vice-Chair)
  - Solid & Hazardous Waste - TBD (Chair)/ TBD (Vice-Chair)
  - One Water - TBD (Chair) / TBD (Vice-Chair)
  - Energy - TBD (Chair) / TBD (Vice-Chair)
- **Open Items:**
  - DEQ Omnibus Bill – Need committee input
    - Budget anticipated in September
    - SB 673 – Wastewater flows
    - Code 488 – veto override expected
  - **NCDEQ sealing issue – NCDEQ Brownfields Section requires certifying language in Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Systems (VIMS) designs that appear to be excessively broad and onerous. The following language is taken from the VIMS Submittal Requirements dated July 2021:**
    - PE sealed statement regarding the system effectiveness verbatim as follows:

“The Vapor Intrusion Mitigation System (VIMS) detailed herein is designed to mitigate intrusion of subsurface vapors into the subject building from known Brownfields Property contaminants in a manner that is in accordance with the most recent and applicable guidelines including, but not limited to, DWM Vapor Intrusion Guidance, Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) guidance, and American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) standards. The sealing professional engineer below is satisfied that the design [**add “and its installation” for use in an installation report**] is [**are**] fully protective of public health from known Brownfields Property contaminants.”
    - **Other members have expressed concern that additional divisions in NCDEQ have similar certifying language requirements or requests for member firms**
- **Meeting/Events for Next Year:**
  - Future 2023-2024 Joint Environmental and Energy Committee Meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows with subcommittee in parentheses responsible for lining up presentations – More information to come
    - Networking and Social Event – TBD
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting – Aug 3, 2023
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting – November 16, 2023 (Energy)**
    - **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting – February 15, 2023 (Solid & Hazardous Waste)**
    - **4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting – May 16, 2023 (One Water/Environmental)**