

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2, 2013

Mission Statement: To enhance communication and the working relationship between the Department and the solid waste management facility owners/operators, through the discussion of issues and the exchange of ideas.

Committee members in attendance:

Barb Butler – City of Billings via phone
Mark Nelson – Lake County
Clay Vincent – Hill County
Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County
Max Bauer – Republic Services (Allied Waste)
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating
Dave Duffy – Tri County Disposal
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality

Committee members not in attendance:

Larry Laknar – Beaverhead County

Others in attendance:

Marc Ingraham – Bruce Ingraham Environmental
Gordy Higgins - Department of Environmental Quality
Deb Grimm – Department of Environmental Quality
Kathy O’Hern – Department of Environmental Quality
Jim Lang – City of Helena
Barry Damschen – Barry Damschen Consulting
Martin Bey – Gallatin SWMD
Glen Rafish – Butte Silver Bow Landfill

Called to Order at 1:38pm by Sherrel Rhys.

Introductions of everyone in the room as there are several new people in the room.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Sherrel asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. There were none.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:

- Asbestos Control Program Business Plan – Deb Grimm
 - Deb discussed what the current business plan for the program was and talked about the successes for the program. A copy of the business plan is attached.

- Solid Waste FA rules update – Gordon Higgins
 - Gordon briefly updated the committee on the status of the FA rule. Within the next four months, the following rules will be proposed for initial hearing

and/or adoption: Financial Assurance; Infectious Waste Transportation, and Management; Composting; Land Farms

- Asbestos Regulations and SWP Oversight at Licensed Landfills & Update on Colorado Asbestos Landfill Rules – Rick Thompson, Marc Ingraham (MAP), ACP staff.
 - Marc talked about the meeting in Miles City that was organized by Bruce Ingraham at the request of the Miles City Council. He talked about the project permit process flow chart. A copy is attached. Everything is pretty much regulated by OSHA. He mentioned that if the material leaves tribal land it must be permitted once it leaves tribal land. This is also the same for waste that is leaving the State of Wyoming. They are trying to answer any questions appropriately to landfill operators. Dave Duffy asked, “How does EPA define a facility?” The response from Marc, “It is the same definition as the Department of Environmental Quality’s definition.” He did refer folks to the Asbestos Control Program staff if they have additional questions. Marc talked about the fact that they do look at things on an individual basis. Rick talked about some of the concerns from Miles City meeting was how you handle the potential ACM waste that is getting into the landfill. They have discussed charging a higher rate for the ACM waste and getting it in the proper place in the facility. Marc has also said that he will share anything that he learns from OSHA with the committee.
 - Rick talked about the issue regarding Colorado and how they address ACM waste at the landfill. Rick handed out the new rule for the State of Colorado for Asbestos Waste Management. Asbestos in the State of Colorado is monitored by two areas. Rick will send a copy to the committee members.

LGR Update:

- Section activities – Bonnie Rouse
 - They have changed their name to Recycling, Energy, and Compliance Assistance Section.
 - She talked about the fact that they are just getting things ready for the new governor and director.
 - Spending a lot of time on ARRA grants. All projects are closed at this point.
 - Getting ready for spring and getting ready for home shows. The entire staff goes to home shows.
 - Goal for Recycling percentage for land fill diversion. Planning on hitting 22% in 2014 and they were 19.4% in 2011; 19.6 in 2012. The percentage is set by legislature and it is only a goal to shoot for.

New Agenda Items:

- Legislative Update – Gordon Higgins
 - Gordy talked about the potential list of draft bills that affect the solid waste program and he will add the committee to his email distribution list so they are included in any updates on the bills that could potentially affect the committee. Gordy also discussed doing a conference call later this month. There was discussion that at a minimum do a weekly update to the committee to keep them posted.

- Solid Waste Training Update - Rick Thompson/Kathy O'Hern
 - Kathy handed out the remaining training schedule for this fiscal year and she reminded folks that their next training for HAZWOPER training on January 15 – 17, 2013. She also talked about the Coping with Personnel, the Public, and the Generation Gap in the Workplace.

Open Discussion:

- nothing

6) Agenda items for next meeting.

- Legislative Update

- E & P Waste

- OSHA clarifications from Marc Ingraham if necessary

- Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting
 - Solid Waste FA rules update
 - Solid Waste Training Update

Next Meeting will be February 21, 2013 in Room 122 of the Last Chance Gulch Building (Old Armory Building).

7) Adjourn at 3:00 p.m.