

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 11, 2012

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
Rick Thompson-DEQ
Mark Nelson – Lake County
Max Bauer – Allied Waste
Joe Aline- Shumaker Trucking & Excavating
Martin Bey – Gallatin County
Sherrel Rhys-Lewis & Clark County – Chairwoman
Clay Vincent-Hill County

SWAC Members not in attendance:

Doug Sparrow

Others in attendance:

Alan Grant-Jefferson County
Pete Anderson – City of Helena
Jim Lang – City of Helena
Dave Duffy – City/County Sanitation
Mary Louise Hendrickson - DEQ
Bonnie Rouse – DEQ
Glen Rafish – BSB Landfill
Paul Skubinna – DEQ – Water Protection Program
Jeffrey Ward – DEQ – Water Protection Program
Dana David – DEQ Legal Unit

Called to Order at 1: 34pm by Sherrel Rhys.

Introduction of new people in attendance – There are several new people in attendance and Sherrel requested that we go through and introduce ourselves.

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 meetings:

- Selection of replacement for Bob McWilliams (Western Intermediate Class II) and Tom Barth (Eastern Intermediate Class II)
 - Larry Laknar, manager, Beaverhead County Class II Landfill in Dillon, expressed interest in the vacant Western Intermediate Class II position.

- Ron Collyer, manager, Northern Montana Joint Refuse Disposal District, was also suggested as a replacement for the vacant Western Intermediate Class II position on the SWAC.
 - Clay Olson, manager, Fallon County Class II Landfill in Baker, expressed interest in the vacant Eastern Intermediate Class II position. Clay stated that the Fallon County Commissioners wanted him to be involved. He inquired if teleconferencing was possible in order to participate, as he will not be able to travel to all the meetings.
 - It was discussed if Doug Sparrow was still interested in being a member of the SWAC or would he prefer Dave Duffy to be on the committee instead. Dave indicated that he would talk with Doug about the situation.
 - Committee members asked DEQ staff to check and update the SWAC contact information on the DEQ Solid Waste website.
 - Small western nomination – Mark nominated and Clay seconded. All were in favor of Larry Laknar.
 - Small eastern nomination – Clay nominated and Mark seconded. All were in favor of Clay Olsen.
 - The official selection of the new committee members will be contingent on their in-person acceptance at the July meeting.
- Solid Waste FA rules update – Dana David
 - Provided an update on the status of the rules and indicated that they are close to being finalized. He will try to have it available for the next meeting.
 - Exploration & Production (E&P) Waste Guidance – Mary Louise Hendrickson
 - Guidance document is available online for review. Exploration and Production wastes are considered special wastes by Montana solid waste regulations. Prior to accepting E&P wastes, facilities will need to purchase a rad meter to monitor the incoming loads. Facilities must also submit an updated O&M to the DEQ for review and approval. There will be some changes made to the guidance document after reviewing requests for acceptance from the oilfield service companies. Question regarding cost of rad meters. Mary Hendrickson indicated they cost around \$2000.

Local Government & Recycling (LGR) Update:

- Section activities. – Bonnie Rouse.
 - Meeting in Glendive with landfills to discuss oilfield waste recycling/reuse options.
 - Earth Day events scheduled - two in Helena; one in Great Falls
 - Compost Training in June.
 - C & D Training.
 - Mountains of Trash and Treasures.
 - Economy and Energy Conference in September.

- The LGR org. chart was updated, as requested by Mark Nelson. However, it is now in need of further updating to include Darrick Turner, the recently hired Small Business Ombudsman. Darrick is formerly from the Enforcement Division.

New Agenda Items Discussed:

- Solid Waste Training update – Rick Thompson
 - Hazwoper training conducted using the MetNet system for remote sites – overall training received high marks despite some technical difficulties.
 - Landfill Operations, Safety, and Maintenance.
 - Training went well and received high marks from the participants. However, one of the lessons learned was the need to better coordinate the field training exercise. Overall, participants were very pleased with Neal's presentation.
 - Compost Workshop with Jean Bonhotal scheduled for June.
 - The workshop will consist of three days of training – the first two days for licensed landfills; the third day will be half-day training for the general public that will be supported by the LGR group.
 - There seems to be a cost savings per training versus what has been paid in the past. Rick anticipates that not all of the budgeted training funds be expended by the end of the year. May be able to have an additional training with the savings. Sherryl commented that the training courses held so far have been really good.
- Status of the Storm Water General Permit – Paul Skubina and Jeff Ward.
 - Working on reviewing their discharge permit process – renewal currently in progress. As soon as the Water Protection Bureau (WPB) receives a complete Notice of Intent to Construct, the facility is covered under the General Permit.
 - How does the SWPP fit into the process – the WPB is unsure at this point – they are still working on getting that process outlined.
 - Hoping to receive feedback from stakeholders in a few weeks. Depending on interest level, WPB staff may travel around the state in the June/July timeframe to talk about the process at several public meetings. The final decision on the new discharge permit process is anticipated for July 30, 2012. The effective date for implementation will be in August or September, 2012.
 - Paul stated that there will be no changes in the current fee table. Paul also went over the Permit and Renewal fees from WPB website.
 - The DMR will be the same.
- 2013 WUTMB Legislative Concepts – Ed Thamke
 - Ed told the committee that there were several concepts for statutory changes affecting the Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau. The concepts are:

- Statutory changes for the Meth clean- up program
 - Make participation compulsory instead of voluntary.
 - Expand from manufacturing to include consumption.

- Modify the Solid Waste Management Act (SWMA) to remove the exclusion for power generating facilities previously regulated under the Major Facilities Siting Act (MFSA). The solid waste exemption was not repealed in the SWMA when MFSA was repealed.

- Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act.
 - Change the definition of Junk Vehicle. Ed asked the committee let him know if they have strong feelings about going forward with the concept to revise the definition of junk vehicle.
 - Allow direct haul to recyclers instead of hauling to a county yard.

- Clarification for the UST program
 - Benchmarks for LUST that have been tied to UST.
 - Correction of clerical error in UST funding.
 - Pointed out by an attorney that there is a loophole in the UST rules for refineries.

General Discussion

- Barb Butler asked for advice on how to handle the large number mattresses resulting from the bed bug infestation affecting the City of Billings. Barb shared that bed bugs are temperature sensitive. Max Bauer said that they have had hotels encase infected mattresses in plastic or similar material and haul them to the landfill where they buried immediately. Mary said that the Solid Waste Program's quarterly newsletter that will be coming out in May and will include an article on how to handle bed bug infested materials.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Solid Waste FA rule update
- E & P Waste update
- Storm Water General Permit requirements
- 2013 WUTMB Legislative update

Adjourned at 2:57p.m.

Next meeting is set July 11, 2012 from 1:30-3:00 in Room 111 of the Metcalf Building.
There will be a picnic lunch at 12:00 noon on the east patio of the Metcalf Building.