

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2011

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:

Tom Barth-Fallon County
Barb Butler-City of Billings
Rick Thompson-DEQ
Max Bauer – Allied Waste
Mark Nelson- Lake Co.
Sherrel Rhys-Lewis & Clark County

Others in attendance:

Barry Damschen-Barry Damschen Consulting
Gordon Higgins-DEQ
David Seeberger-Allied Waste
Martin Bey-Gallatin County
Stephanie Reinig-Great West Engineering
Bonnie Rouse-DEQ
Gaelyn Domino, DEQ, LGR Intern
Brian Hohn-Broadwater County
Bruce Meyer-DEQ
Norm Mullen, DEQ Legal
Alan Grant-Jefferson County
Dawn Chretien-Gallatin County

Called to Order at 1:40pm by Sherrel Rhys.

Sherrel turned the meeting over to Rick. Rick announced that Bob Reinke with the Hazardous Waste Program had passed away this morning.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Sherrel asked if there were any discussions on the previous minutes.

New Employee Introduction: Rick Thompson introduced Gordon Higgins as the new Rule Writer replacing Bob Martin.

Sherrel had everyone introduce themselves so new people would have an idea who people were.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous meetings:

-Selection of replacement for Bob McWilliams (intermediate class II) and Steve Johnson (composters in general).

- Sherrel asked for nominations from the floor for **Steve Johnson**.
- Martin Bey was nominated and was approved.

-Solid Waste FA Rules

- Gordon Higgins gave a summary regarding the status of the FA Rule and where we go from here. Part of the summary included highlights of the rule which is to strike the language in Section 17.50.540; acknowledging that there is now the option of FA; during a rule revision the department likes to do some clerical cleanup in rules; intended to clarify what is already in existence and expand the options that are available; explained the time frame that is involved in this rule revision. The department would like to have this rule adopted by December. Gordon gave everyone his direct email address.
- Norm then explained the rule adoption process. Included the public
- Rick also informed the members that he, Gordon, and Norm meet weekly to discuss issues regarding the FA rule. Rick also encouraged everyone to use the line number reference when making comments as it makes it simpler to address. Comments are due August 12, 2011.

-MACo/DEQ Solid Waste Agenda for FY12 & FY13 – Rick went over the items that will be included in the contract. The task sheet shows the training coming up and the approximate time line. Mark Nelson stated that refrigerant training can be done online for \$35 and you don't have to leave your desk and you get a certificate. Sherrel asked about the fact that she thought it was suppose to go out for bids. They talked about several different ideas for training to use instead of Refrigerant Recovery.

LGR Update:

-Bonnie reminded the committee that the Local Government and Recycling (LGR) Program is funded by several funding sources. Bonnie recapped how the interim period between SWAC meetings was spent. In April, the majority of the time was spent on Earth Day Events, and she mentioned some of the events. In May quite a bit of time was spent on various Green events. In June time was spent on the revision of the state solid waste plan revision. Bonnie also informed the SWAC that Dusti Johnson is on a mobility assignment with Hazardous Waste Program and that she was still be doing a lot of work for the LGR Program.

Sections will have to consolidate again in June 2012. Not sure how that will work.

New Agenda Items Discussed:

- By-laws on replacement – It was noted that the By-laws could be posted on the web under SWAC.

- Org chart – was requested by Mark

-Business Plan – Explained how this is developed annually and how it is used. – this was also requested by Mark.

-Barry asked who was responsible for O & M Plans now and whom does he call if he has a question? Rick replied that everyone is responsible for O & M plans but if you have a question to call Mary Hendrickson first.

-Max talked about Republic Waste Service program to fund recycling at medium sized communities and using Montana as a test site for the project.

Agenda items for next meeting:

-SW FA Rules

-Update on training

-Update on Business Plan

-Selection of replacement for Bob McWilliams

-Update for hub & spoke from Bonnie for what is working and what isn't

-Update from Max on the sustainable options

Adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Next meeting is set for October 5.