

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 10, 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:

Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating
Chris Viets – Richland County Landfill (Phone)
Max Bauer – Republic Service
Mark Nelson – Lake County
Barb Butler – City of Billings
Dave Duffy – Tri County Disposal
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality

Committee members not in attendance:

Larry Lakner – Beaverhead County
Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal

Others in attendance: (missing sign in sheet)

Bonnie Rouse – Department of Environmental Quality
Mary Louise Hendrickson – Department of Environmental Quality
Jim Simon – Logan Landfill
Glen Rafish – Butte Silver Bow Landfill

Called to Order at 1:32 p.m. by Sherrel Rhys.

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

Sherrel asked for everyone to introduce themselves and to state who they work for as there were several new people in attendance.

Agenda Items from Previous Meeting

- **Rules Update – Gordy Higgins/Rick Thompson**
 - Financial Assurance Rules update
 - Financial Assurance Rules has gone through the public comment period.
 - Compost Rules – Put on the back burner as it is more important to get the Exploration and Production Waste Rules in place.
- **Oil and Gas Exploration & Production (E&P) Waste – Mary Louise Hendrickson**
 - The DEQ\SWP continues to receive comments about the regulatory levels of NORM waste management in Montana compared to the level acceptable in North Dakota.

- Gordy, Rick, and Steve Kilbreath are trying to meet with the Board of Oil and Gas to determine regulatory boundaries for the DEQ and the DNRC – BOGC for dealing with E&P waste management. h
 - Looking and refining definitions and licensing of E&P waste facilities.
 - NORM and TENORM continue to be a problem moving forward.
 - Two new E&P waste applications in review.
 - The DEQ continues to receive complaints from a land owner who lives nine miles from Oaks Landfill. The primary issues are traffic, storm water, and NORM and TENORM contaminated wastes being accepted at the facility. Solid Waste Program and Enforcement Division inspectors visited the Oaks Landfill on separate occasions during the summer of 2013 and found the facility to be in compliance.
 - Barb Butler had questions about the Oaks Landfill site and why NORM and TENORM is an issue.
 - Barry Damschen inquired about the status of the two new applications for E&P waste management facilities in north eastern Montana. Mary Hendrickson informed him that notices of deficiencies to both applicants and that she has received a response back from one of them. .
- **Solid Waste Training – Kathy O’Hern**
 - 8-HAZWOPER Training at the La Quinta Inn in Butte on October 8th.
 - Transfer station and container site training on November 6 & 7 at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel in Helena.
 - A tour of the Helena Transfer Station will be included.
 - Online registration is available via the Solid Waste Web page.
 - Exploration and Production Waste Training coming in February 2014. In Miles City. Focusing on landfills and other solid waste management systems impacted by the oil boom in North Dakota.
- **Local Government and Recycling – Bonnie Rouse**
 - Report on the North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana Solid Waste and Recycling Conference – Montana was asked and agreed to hosting the tri-state conference in 2016.
 - Report on the Yellowstone Park Greening Conference – Recycling Friendly Parks Conference
 - Yellowstone Park reported that they currently divert 59% of their solid wastes and would like to achieve up to 75%.diversion by 2016.
 - Max Bauer asked about the compost percentage for the park and Bonnie stated that part of the conference was cancelled due to the federal government sequester.
 - Working on budget and assessing what outreach or training programs the Local Government and Recycling (LGR) Section can undertake for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - Working on business plans for LGR section staff.

- **New Agenda Items**
 - **Executive Planning Process (EPP) – Gordy Higgins/Rick Thompson**
 - **Legislative Concepts for the 2015 Legislature.**
 - This legislative process has begun, with concepts for new or amended statutes being developed.
 - Sherrel Rhys stated that she would like the Junk Vehicle law to be re-written. There have been changes in the program and there is the need to look at trailer houses being included in the Junk Vehicle Program
 - Max Bauer asked if they are looking at requiring all transfer stations to be manned due to liability issues.
 - **FY Solid Waste Business Plan – Rick Thompson**
 - Rick asked everyone to take a look at the Solid Waste Section business plan, and to send any comments\feedback to him.
 - **Open Discussion**
 - Barb asked that each facility talk about issues at each of their landfills.
 - Jim Simon – Gallatin County (Logan Landfill) – turning bio-solids sludge into compost. Anticipating 34 yards a day and it will be a change in the landfill O&M plan. Recycling is always a challenge.
 - Barry Damschen – Barry Damschen Engineering LLC - talked about the landfills that he works with. He stated that nothing out of the ordinary was happening at those facilities.
 - Glen Rafish – Butte\Silver Bow County Landfill - Stated that it has been extremely wet in Butte and they are dealing with a mud slide issue. Butte\Silver Bow is exploring whether a convenience station at the landfill entrance would eliminate better than customers going directly to the working face.
 - City of Helena transfer station – recently opened the redesigned area..
 - Max Bauer – (Republic Services). Hopes to complete the alternate cover study, and submit a landfill expansion application for the recently acquired property.
 - Rick reminded the committee and those in attendance to get operation and maintenance changes at their facilities approved prior to commencing new any operations.
 - Joe Aline– (Shumaker Trucking & Excavating) – The Construction and demolition waste stream has slowed down in the Great Falls area. Other than that it is really quiet.
 - Sherrel Rhys - Lewis and Clark County – working through closure plan for Phase II and III cells. Composting more than ever. Working with Headwaters recycling. Will be pulverizing the collected glass they have at the landfill. .

They will be selling out the equipment. Sherrel mentioned that they would like to keep the pulverizer in the state. There was a lot discussion regarding who else has a pulverizer within the state.

- Rick – The department is working on emergency services functions He asked if landfills around the state are part of the emergency services function at the local levels. Based on the response from those in attendance at the meeting, Rick concluded that Missoula and Lewis and Clark Counties appear to be the only counties actively involved emergency services planning at the local level.
- Mary Murray – Mentioned the bureau's file access policy and procedure.
- Mark Nelson – Lake County - More construction and demolition wastes in the landfilling coming into the Lake County Class II. The Lake County Transfer station is going well and working with Republic Services on the best method for transporting the waste collected from Polson to Missoula for final disposal.
- Barb Butler – City of Billings – Bart Twitchell from Idaho was recently hired as the landfill supervisor. Large amount of wood waste generated by the recent rain storms and flooding; completed cell V expansion and looking at putting in the first layer of wastes in the new cell soon, but will probably wait until it freezes. A few studies on waste management and expansion of the landfill. Construction and demolition wastes up.
- Dave Duffy – City County Sanitation Services - Other than the recent heavy rains we don't have any issues. They plan on paving the road that goes past the transfer station.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Rule update
Legislative Update
Solid Waste Training

Set Next Meeting Date – January 15, 2014 in Room 111 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.