

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

June 2, 2004

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.*

Call to Order: Doug Sparrow – 9:44 am.

Committee members in attendance: Barb Butler - City of Billings; Sherrel Rhys – Jefferson County; Tom Barth – Fallon County; and Rick Thompson – DEQ.

Others in attendance: Barry Damschen, Brian Spangler, Robert Church, David Prunty, Will Selser, Jim Wilbur, David Aguirre and Mark Nelson.

Review and acceptance of minutes from March 3, 2004. All was approved.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting: Rick gave a report on PBC waste and how it is handled in Montana. Rick also said that the contact for PCB waste issues is Mr. Dan Bench, EPA Region 8, in Denver. Dan could not conference in to this meeting but hopes that his schedule will allow him to be available for the meeting in September.

Doug asked questions about Open Burning Permits. Dave Aguirre presented information on how burning permits work. Stating that permits are required each time a burning is scheduled. There is still a 35-day wait after the request for a permit. Steps for a permit is the same as a landfill – the request must be published and wait for the public response. He also gave examples of new rule changes and that burning is still a problem in the winter months. Sherrel asked if there were any changes in the distance requirements for open burning from cities and towns. Dave said there were no changes in that rule.

Doug moved on to the “pi” charts and gave his approval and asking Rick to explain how he arrived at these percentages. Rick explained that he has “time-tracker” charts that are used by each staff member for tracking time spent on each review. The ground water tracking was omitted from the “pi” chart so Sherrel wanted Rick to redo these in order to include space for ground water and to have these mailed before the September meeting. Sherrel also asked for each job description and how the workload was are distributed.

Brian Spangler gave a report on the Economic Trends In Recycling in Montana i.e. how much the recycling industry contributes to the Montana economy. On legislative issues, Brian reported that Lou Moore (Bureau Chief – P2 Bureau) is considering legislation to extend the Recycling Tax Credit another 5 years. Legislation is also being considered to revise the Solid Waste Reduction Act modify the current diversion rate of 25%. Brian announced that the Integrated Waste Management Task Force would be convened July. Brian also stated that rubber modified asphalt is issue that the P2 Program would be looking at in the future.

New Issues:

Announcements / Training Issues: S.W.A.C. will meet again on September 1, 2004 at 9:30 am in the Director's Conference Room 111.

Agenda Item for the next meeting: **PCB Wastes, Time Tracker Revision.**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.