

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

### **March 3, 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 – 9:45 am.

**Committee members in attendance:** Barb Butler - City of Billings, by conference call; Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal District (Havre); Bob McWilliams – Beaverhead County; Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking and Excavating; Sherrel Rhys – Jefferson County; Mark Kottwitz. – City of Bozeman and Rick Thompson – DEQ.

**Others in attendance:** Pat Crowley, Mark Nelson, Will Selser, Jim Wilburn, Bonnie Rouse, David Seeberger, Mike Vogle, Lou Moore, Tom Barth, Barry Damschen and

**Review and acceptance of December 3, 2003 minutes was made by all.**

**Motion:** Rick made a motion to replace Roger Schmidt, who longer works for the Fallon County. The motion was approved and Tom Barth was elected to fill this position on the Board.

**Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:** Doug asked Rick to explain the “pi” chart for the demonstrated six months. Rick will send other data justifying how time is divided in percentages.

Will Selser wanted a report on how time is distributed. Rick will summarize again by June for the committee.

Pat Crowley, lead rule writer, gave a report on the septic rules stating that they would not be finalized until all comments have been reviewed. He would be getting estimates on building a spreader bar because the pumpers have been complaining that it was too expensive.

Pat is working on the final draft for the solid waste rules and anticipates that it would be another three months before finalizing.

Doug Sparrow once again brought the subject as to why funding was cut for MOLO training. Sherrel continued to question the funding for operator training and would like the funding returned to FY 02 – 03 levels. Doug requested that two HazWoper refresher recourses be offered per year to accommodate the work schedules for the various operators around the state. He also stated that the committee accepted the fee increase expecting training to be as before.

**Motion:** Sherrel made a motion that the DEQ funding for owner/operator training be reinstated to pre-fee increase levels. The motion was second by all.

Jim Wilburn asked if MACO has administrative fees attached to the changes. The answer was “yes”, there is \$100.00 per session at this time.

Lou Moore, Chief of the Air, Energy, and Pollution Prevention Bureau (AEPPB) gave an update on the department’s budgeting process. She explained that late August would be the final opportunity to make budget proposals such as increasing the amount allocated to operator training. She also explained the reorganization of the Planning Division. She also made several job announcements for positions currently vacant in the AEPPB. .

Bonnie Rouse AEPPB gave an update on Brian’s Spangler’s projects. They include; on-going discussions on the acquisition of a glass pulverizer at a cost of \$120,000; how the pulverizer will be transported, rented by non-profit organizations, and the feasibility of having a trained operator for the equipment.

Bonnie stated that there was going to be an economic survey of recycling trends in the state to be conducted in April. The results should be available in June 2004.

**New Issues:** Rick answered the question of “How to dispose of PCB contaminated wastes?” He explained how PCBs are handled and which agency has jurisdiction is over PCB handling and disposal in the state. Rick also explained that there is no disposal of regulated PCBs in the state of Montana. These waste of being sent of out-of-state.

Sherrel stated the concern of not burning five-miles from the city limits and thought there should be a change in the burning time of year. She showed concern for new rules, that there should be a conditional burn time stated.

Doug suggested that there should be someone from AWMB to attend the next meeting to explain the existing rules for burning.

The suggestion was made to invite Gordon Morris, Ed Thamke and Steve Welch to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** S.W.A.C. will meet again on June 2, 2004 at 9:30 am in the Director’s Conference Room 111.

**Agenda for the next meeting:** ITRC – Guidance Document; Training Budget to go up; PBC Waste; Open Burning; and Integrated Solid Waste.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.