

# **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

## **April 7, 2010**

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:**

Chairwoman, Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County  
Max Bauer - Allied Waste Systems  
Mark Nelson - Lake County  
Barb Butler – City of Billings  
Tom Barth – Fallon County  
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking  
Steve Johnson – City of Bozeman  
Rick Thompson – DEQ Solid Waste Program

### **Others in attendance:**

Darrell Stankey – DEQ Solid Waste Program  
Mary Louise Hendrickson - DEQ Solid Waste Program  
Robert Church – Great West Engineering  
Martin Bey – Gallatin County  
Pat Crowley – Crowley Consultants  
Bonnie Rouse – DEQ/EPP/LGR

**Call to Order:** Sherrel Rhys at 1:38 pm, Helena, Montana.

**The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted with modifications.**

### **Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:**

#### **- SW Rules Update -**

Rick Thompson reported that the legal review and formatting of the solid waste rules were completed and filed with the Secretary of State on March 31. Rick also said it would be six weeks from the filing date for the final approval to be given i.e. mid-June. The official version of the rules will also be posted on the Solid Waste web page when finalized. Instructions on how to find the un-official version of the rules on the solid waste web page was distributed to the committee members and the audience.

Barry Damschen asked if the Department could mail hard copies of the new solid waste rules to all the licensees and other solid waste stakeholders. Barry committed to paying for the postage if the Department did not have the budget to mail the rules.

Rick then informed the SWAC that the infectious waste and financial assurance rules were next in line for promulgation and adoption. Both rules will be done under one notice. Rick went on further to state that the rules for composting, soil treatment facilities and baled tires would be next. His hope is for all the rules packets to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2011. Rick

committed to sending out the draft infectious waste and financial assurance rules to the SWAC and other stakeholders before the next SWAC meeting.

Barry Damschen asked if coal ash was slated for rule making. In response to Barry's question, Rick informed the committee that the Department will not act on coal combustion waste (CCW) rules until the feds make a final regulatory determination for CCW.

The new deed notation rule was discussed. Rick explained what was intended by the rule for currently operating facilities to file a kind of deed notation. Rick also handed out a packet containing examples of how to complete the deed notation forms.

#### **- Status of GHG Rule Making -**

Rick relayed to the committee that the Environmental Quality Council had delayed the Department's preemptive GHG rule making effort until the EPA published the federal GHG rules. He also handed out a GHG fact sheet from Vicki Walsh in Air Resources Management Bureau

#### **- Beneficial Use Phrase -**

The committee asked Rick to check into specifications before next SWAC meeting.

### **LGR (Formerly P2) Update – Bonnie Rouse**

#### **- Section activities -**

Bonnie Rouse distributed handouts. The first was the EQC report on the status of recycling in the state. The second handout listed a number of recycling tasks. Bonnie informed the committee that the EQC will be working a particular task if it has a check mark beside it. Sonya Nowakowski is the contact person in the Governor's office

Steve Johnson had several comments.

#### **- Solid Waste Related Grant Projects -**

Bonnie distributed a list of the various entities that were awarded grants for recycling projects. She stated that a couple of counties applied for the Block Grants. Bonnie also reported that Sandra Boggs is working on:

1. Green Procurement
2. Four training sessions
3. Green Lodging
4. Earth Day

Dusti Johnson has moved to the small business and business planning section on a mobility assignment.

Kathy O'Hern is working on:

1. Contracts for appliance recycling
2. East Glacier solid waste coordination,

**New Agenda Items:**

Steve Johnson distributed an article on Product Stewardship. He shared with the committee his thoughts on the article, stated that it would be good to try to get some product stewardship legislation passed in the next session.

Rick distributed the list of Solid Waste Training events to be held during the upcoming fiscal year (FY11).

**Agenda Items For Next Meeting:**

Product Stewardship Laws (support or not support as a group) – Steve will take the lead

Green House Gas update

Proposed budget and legislation issues – will have the list of legislation items to the next meeting and budget if possible.

Infectious Waste

Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Director's Conference Room 111.

**Adjourn: 2:35 pm**