

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee**  
**June 1, 2006**

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:** Rick Thompson – 1:35 p.m. Helena, Montana

**Committee members in attendance:** Max Bauer – BFI Missoula ; Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County; Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking; Tom Barth – Coral Creek Landfill; Bob McWilliams – Beaverhead County; Dustin Johnson – City of Bozeman; and Rick Thompson - DEQ.

**Others in attendance:** David Prunty, Bonnie Rouse, Mark Nelson, Lou Moore, David Seeberger, Will Selser, and Ed Thamke.

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes from March 2, 2006.**

One mistake was noted on the March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 minutes. The change was noted and accepted by the committee. The mistake was the incorrect spelling of Bonnie Rouse sir name. The correct spelling was made and read in to the minutes.

**Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting**

- Rick presented the final draft of the SWAC resolution on operator training. Sherrel made a motion for approval of this resolution and Rick seconded.
- Draft SWAC Membership/Replacement Policy –Rick presented draft SWAC Rules and Procedures to the committee for review and comments. From the ensuing discussion, the following suggested modifications were recommended by the committee for inclusion in the SWAC Rules and Procedures. The suggested changes were:
  - Reselection of the committee chair every year
  - Each member can serve two three-year terms with two consecutive terms maximum.
  - On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, replace two or rotate two members.
  - Expand the membership from nine to eleven. The added members should include a transfer station representative and two at-large members.

Max Bauer suggested that current SWAC members should recruit qualified operators who could replace them when their tenure on the committee is finished. David Seeberger (Allied Waste Systems) also suggested that transfers stations be added to the list of facilities represented on the committee.

Sherrel made a motion that three new members be added. The new members should include two at-large positions and one representing transfer stations. Also, the approval of minutes, motions and/or resolutions at SWAC meetings will be by

the majority of the members present, thus eliminating the need for a quorum. (The underlined section needs clarification. This section of the motion was not very clear on the tape.) This motion was voted on and passed

Sherrel made a second motion to address the recruiting of new members on the SWAC. The motioned stated that when an opening on the committee occurs, a request for memberships should be sent to all licensed solid waste management facilities either by email or mailings prior to the next meeting. And the replacement will be voted on by the majority of the committee present at the meeting. This motion was voted on and passed.

Dustin Johnson reported on the City of Bozeman's replacement for Mark Kottwitz who resigned from the SWAC in the fall of 2005. Steve Johnson, the former manager of the Flathead County Landfill has replaced Mark as the solid waste superintendent for the City of Bozeman and will also be assuming his duties on the SWAC. Steve was not present at the meeting but will be present at the next one.

- **Solid Waste Operator Training - MOLO Costs**  
Prices would stay the same for the next training at \$25,000.00. The Department is trying to keep the costs down by using DEQ certified staff or get other MOLO trainers for an additional \$3,000.00.

Ed asked if this subject (MOLO costs) was discussed at the South Dakota EPA Region 8 Conference held in May, and suggested that we take a look at the Northeast Waste Management Officials Association web site as a guide for regionalizing training efforts amongst the Region 8 states.

Sherrel requested that we should have someone from SWANA at the MOLO who could bring new ideas to the trainings. She also commented on the Great Falls class that Neil Bolton held for landfill management and equipment maintenance.

The subject of Neil Bolton having a DVD series on landfill operations and management was discussed. Everyone thought it would be a great idea to have this series of DVDs on a check-out system for each landfill to use. Each set is thought to be \$250.00. Each member thought that would be a good investment for the Dept. to make.

#### **Solid Waste Program Update**

- Rick reported that the operators can check the web site for a monthly update on materials that has been submitted to the Department.

### **Recycle Program Update**

- Lou Moore reported on the e-waste events. They had completed the collection at Whitefish last weekend. The event had filled a 24 foot trailer with electronic wastes. There are events scheduled in Kalispell July 15; Missoula July 29; Butte August 24; Gallatin County October 21; and Helena and Billings in the Fall.
- Lou also reported that Doug Sparrow is working on a 50-home subdivision that will require 177-tons of pulverized sand-like glass. Helena Sand and Gravel will be selling the glass at a special which that company will be hosting on June 23. Helena Sand and Gravel will demonstrate how the glass can be used in various applications.
- Lou announced that the City of Whitefish recently purchased its own mobile glass pulverizer. Lou also stated that her program has been working on a partnership with the MDOT and they (MDOT) are now committed to using the glass on a road project which will take place in 2-3 years.

### **Other P2 Program Issues**

- The 2005 recycling surveys have been sent out.
- P2 staff members will be attending the June 3-5 Billings land symposium.
- DEQ is working on the 25/25 initiative. This is where 25% of energy comes from resources other than fossil fuels by 2025. Governor Schweitzer is the first governor to sign on to this initiative. Restaurant fryer oil will be utilized as a fuel source under this initiative.
- Bonnie Rouse reported that the program is working on a data base to show their progress on various projects. (Clarify this at the next meeting)
- Mercury collection in the schools was successful. The collected items will be shipped to a recycler in the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>. The mercury is recycled, mostly in medical equipment.
- North Western Energy gave more money to help with low income weatherization. They gave out programmable thermostats at their workshops and provided money for buckets to collect the old thermostats.

**Announcements / Training Issues:** SWAC will meet again on September 12, 2006 in the Director's Conference Room 111, 1:30 pm -3:30 pm.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm