

Solid Waste Advisory Committee
July 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
Steve Johnson – City of Bozeman
Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal District
Rick Thompson – DEQ Solid Waste Program

Others in attendance:

Darrell Stankey – DEQ Solid Waste Program
Mary Louise Hendrickson - DEQ Solid Waste Program
Jim Chilton – Flathead County Solid Waste District
Dave Prunty – Flathead County Solid Waste District
Robert Church – Great West Engineering
Barry Damschen – Damschen Consulting
Martin Bey – Gallatin County
Jim Simon – Gallatin Solid Waste District
Dawn Chretien - Gallatin Solid Waste District
Susan Dellinger - Gallatin Solid Waste District
Kari Smith – DEQ/PCD/WPB
Vicki Walsh – DEQ/PCD/ARMB
Dave Klemp – DEQ/PCD/ARMB
Bonnie Rouse – DEQ/EPP/LGR
Norm Mullen – DEQ/DIR/LEGAL

Call to Order: Sherrel Rhys at 1:15 pm, Helena, Montana.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:

- **SW Rules; Infectious Wastes & Financial Assurance**
The committee voiced their support for the two additional mechanisms in the revised draft of the financial assurance rules. The mechanisms are corporate guarantee and insurance and are mechanism's provided by EPA rules.

Infectious Waste Rule – There were no new comments to the draft Infectious Waste rules.

- **Status of GHG Monitoring Reporting Rule – Vicki Walsh**
Vickie Walsh of the DEQ Air Resource Management Bureau (ARMB) provided an update on the GHG reporting rule. Vicki also reminded the committee that the Board of Environmental Review accepted the ARMB's proposal to write rules but the EQC decided to wait until EPA ruled. The real question is, how does the new GHG rule affect the landfill community? She stated that the rule applies to larger facilities with the potential to emit 100,000 tons carbon dioxide equivalent (CO_{2e}) of GHG. Vicki also reminded the committee some landfills will be categorized as major sources of GHG would have to go obtain a permit. Facilities that currently have a Title V, will need a permit and will need to submit an application to ARMB at the appropriate time. Some facilities will be in the new source category. Vickie promised that ARMB will assist facilities get through the current uncertainties and stated that there was up to 18 months to come into compliance.

In the coming months the ARMB will be offering workshops on the GHG rule and what is necessary for compliance. Vickie envisioned that the workshops would cover emission calculations requirements for active and closed landfills, standards of limits or controls that would have to be met by landfills, mechanisms other than desktop calculations for quantifying GHG emissions from a landfill, which is subject in Montana for reporting, how the rules will affect future landfill expansions.

LGR Update

- **Section activities – Bonnie Rouse**
Bonnie reported that the LGR Section staff has been spending a lot of time on approving ARRA projects for funding. They have also been making sure the Alcoa bins are being delivered to the schools across the state. Bonnie also reported that:
 - Money was also received from the Forest Service for the ARRA fly ash boat ramp project on Lake Como in Ravalli County.
 - The appliance rebate Program is taking a lot of time.
 - Marjorie Griek, Colorado Association for Recycling met with various state recycling groups in Livingston.
- **Region 8 RCC Activities – Bonnie Rouse**
Bonnie reported more stringent guidelines for recycling in Region 8 and that EPA have committed some money to study the feasibility of developing a regional approach to recycling.

New Agenda Items

- **Product Stewardship Laws** - Discussion of possible legislation for the 2011 session that the SWAC may support. This was suggested by Steve Johnson.
- **2011 WUTMB Legislative agenda – Darrell Stankey**
No agency bills are being proposed at this time.

- **Department Solid Waste Program budget proposal for the 2011 Legislative Session**
Darrell explained the status of the Solid Waste and JV Program Budgets for the upcoming legislative session. Darrell stated that both budgets are very static which could present certain problems in the future.

- **Storm water violation issues at solid waste landfills – Kari Smith**
Kari explained the difference between the types of permits their definitions. Kari also explained why landfills facilities should have Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans. There was discussion on why all landfills should have a storm water discharge permit even if they have a no-discharge storm water ponds. There was also discussion on the definition of “State Waters”.

Agenda items for next meeting.

**Product Stewardship
Workshop for GHG
Legislative Update
Container Site Wall Update
Financial Assurance Rule Notice**

Next Meeting is October 6, 2010

Meeting was Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.