

Minutes

Asbestos Advisory Group Meeting

March 2, 2016
Room 45 Metcalf Building

Optional Work Session: 10:30am to 12:00pm

General Session: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

The goal of the Asbestos Advisory Group is to advise DEQ on various issues relating to asbestos regulation.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jim Devlin - Citizen at Large

Barb Butler - Waste & Materials Management

Joe Radonich- State & Federal Public Works

Harold Blattie- City & County Public Works & Permitting

Nick Van Tighem - General Construction Contractors – (via Lync)

Annette Satterly - School Organizations

Bruce Kirby - Contractors & Consultants

Peggy Trenk - Trade Associations

Brad Evanger - Minor Facilities (via Lync)

Jennene Lyda- Worker Protection

Committee Members not in Attendance:

Ed Surbrugg - Consulting Engineers & Architects

Alan Olson – Major Facilities (Replaced David Galt)

Vacant - Environmental Advocacy

Others in Attendance:

Judy Kirby - Kirby Environmental

John Benoit - DEQ ACP

AAG Support Staff in Attendance:

Ed Thamke - DEQ WUTM Bureau Chief

Deb Grimm - DEQ Asbestos Control Program

Emily Ewart - DEQ Rule Writer

Kerri Blanton - DEQ Minutes

Mark Hall - DEQ Hazardous Materials Section

Bob Habeck - DEQ Facilitator

Lisa Peterson - DEQ

Optional Work Session – 10:30 a – 12:00 p

- **Members in Attendance:** Jim Devlin, Bruce Kirby, Joe Radonich

General Session was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Bob Habeck

Welcome & Opening Remarks:

- Bob Habeck provided the Welcome and Opening Remarks and review of the March meeting. Bob asked for those on the phone to identify themselves.

Action Item:

- February Minutes. Motion to approve was moved by Annette Satterly and second by Bruce Kirby. No further discussion. There was unanimous approval.
- Bob reviewed the March agenda items.

Old Business:

- Bob announced that the Environmental Advocacy position was open until filled.
- Bob discussed the AAG meeting dates with members with doodle poll results and results were to meet every first Wednesday of every month for the rest of the year. Motion to approve was moved by Peggy Trenk and second by Barb Butler. There was unanimous approval.
- No public comment on old business.

New Business:

- Ed Thamke and Lisa Peterson discussed the EQC Enforcement Report and reviewed the ENFD table for Asbestos.
- Deb Grimm discussed the status of the county building permit contacts and update on outreach efforts. The purpose of establishing county contacts is to enhance DEQ awareness of activity that may involve the handling of asbestos containing materials. The AAG discussed other means to enhance awareness such as gaining access to the state Dept. of Labor electrical permit database.

The AAG discussed how to provide incentives to contractors to increase participation in asbestos compliance. Nick mentioned the success of the state's storm water training and certification process.

- Permit Focus Group – Bob discussed draft recommendations and suggested Advisory Group to add comments to the draft recommendations on Base Camp.
- State & Federal Regulations Focus Group - Bob discussed draft recommendations and suggested that Advisory Group members add comments to the draft recommendations on Base Camp. Group discussion ensued regarding certified programs, county programs, Department of Labor's jurisdiction, Public Service Announcements –and what grant funding is available. Peggy suggested asbestos ads, flyers, media, tweets, internet, etc. and more contractor outreach with educational classes –with outside speakers.

- Funding Focus Group - Bob discussed draft recommendations and suggested Advisory Group members add comments to the draft recommendations on Base Camp.
- Enforcement & Cleanup Focus Group - Bob discussed draft recommendations and suggested Advisory Group members add comments to the draft recommendations on Base Camp.

Public Comment:

- There was no public comment on any matter not contained on the agenda but within the scope of the AAG.

Action and Discussion Items for April Meeting:

- Review of March minutes for approval.
- Review draft recommendations by Focus Group.
- Landfill (Materials, Management) List – –
- Identify possible speakers

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.