

Minutes

Asbestos Advisory Group Meeting

April 6, 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)
Ed Surbrugg - Consulting Engineers & Architects

Committee Members not in Attendance:

Jennene Lyda- Worker Protection
Alan Olson – Major Facilities
Vacant - Environmental Advocacy

Others in Attendance:

Don Verrue – City of Missoula Building Dept.
Tim Burton - MLCT
Judy Kirby - Kirby Environmental
John Benoit - DEQ ACP
Mark Smith – DEQ – SRF
Rick Thompson – DEQ – Solid Waste
Paula Tschida – DEQ – EPP
Mike Trombetta – DEQ - CSCB

AAG Support Staff in Attendance:

Ed Thamke - DEQ WUTM Bureau Chief
Amanda Allen – DEQ Minutes
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

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

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

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 April meeting minutes. Bob asked for those on the phone to identify themselves.

Action Item:

- March Minutes. Motion to approve was moved by Peggy Trenk and second by Jim Devlin. No further discussion. There was unanimous approval.
- Bob reviewed the April agenda items.

Old Business:

- Bob announced that the Environmental Advocacy position continues to be opened until filled. Ed Surbrugg and others suggested that DEQ look at state university system environmental programs for potential applicants to fill the vacant position. DEQ will pursue that lead.
- Rick Thompson with DEQ's Solid Waste Program gave a presentation on the Management of Regulated Asbestos at Landfills in Montana. Rick discussed waste transfer stations and the landfills in Montana that take regulated and non-regulated asbestos.
- Don Verrue with the City of Missoula Building Department gave a talk on Missoula's city ordinance requiring asbestos inspection information on building permit applications. He shared with the group the background, logistics, and operation of the program. In summary, there was some initial misunderstanding about the requirements, but over time the program is now working well.
- John Benoit with DEQ's Asbestos Control Program (ACP) discussed the agency's outreach and compliance assistance efforts. ACP searches various internet web sites to look for construction projects that may benefit from ACP outreach. These sites include, but are not limited to; Fed Biz Ops, Dodge Reports, Department of Labor and Industry, Craig's List, newspaper bid requests, municipal listings, and news articles.
- Public Comment on Old Business – None.

New Business:

- Bob discussed the current list of Focus Group recommendations as compared to the HB 434 eight required items and by a Level of Effort scale. Level of effort refers to a DEQ rating of Low, Medium, High, or Unknown as to recommendation implementation effort.
- Bob asked the members if they would like time set aside at the monthly meeting to meet with their focus groups. Bob reminded members of the opportunity to meet and discuss during the monthly breakout sessions from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Joe Radonich suggested members discuss the recommendation from two Focus Groups at the next monthly meeting and the other two Focus Groups at the following monthly meeting.

AAG members agreed that this would be beneficial and decided to do this for the next May and June meetings. The May meeting will cover draft recommendations from the State and Federal Regulation Focus Group and the Permitting Focus Group.

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 May Meeting:

- Review of April minutes for approval.
- Detailed discussions of draft recommendations from the State & Federal Regulations Focus Group and Permitting Focus Group.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.