

Minutes

Asbestos Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday October 7, 2015
Room 45 1:30p – 3:30p

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
Joe Radonich- State & Federal Public Works
Bruce Kirby – Contractors & Consultants (via Lync)
Ed Surbrugg – Consulting Engineers & Architects
Peggy Trenk – Trade Associations
Barb Butler – Waste & Materials Management
Jennene Lyda- Worker Protection (via Lync)
Gayla Benefield – Environmental Advocacy
Brad Evanger – Minor Facilities (via Lync)
David Galt – Major Facilities

Committee Members not in Attendance:

Annette Satterly – School Organizations
Harold Blattie- City & County Public Works & Permitting
Nick Van Tighem - General Construction Contractors

Others in Attendance:

Jessica Smith – DEQ Remediation Division
Pat Johnson – DEQ Public Water Supply – Plan Review
Glenn Oppel– MT Chamber of Commerce (via Lync)
Jenene Lyda – Worker Protection (via Lync)
Jim Whaley – State Dept. of Admin., Architecture & Engineering Division

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
Lisa Peterson – DEQ Public Information Officer
Bob Habeck – DEQ Facilitator

Meeting Called to Order at 1:30 p.m. by Bob Habeck

Welcome & Opening Remarks:

- Bob Habeck - Facilitator Welcome and Opening Remarks discussion of interested party list and review of September meeting. Bob asked for those on the phone to identify themselves.

Action Item:

- September Minutes. Motion to approve was moved by Dave Galt and second by Peggy Trenk. No further discussion. There was unanimous approval.
- Discussion and review of October agenda items.

Old Business:

- Discussion of 2015/2016 meeting calendar. Suggestion to look beyond the first week of every month to accommodate everyone's schedule. DEQ will continue to use Doodle Poll to identify meeting dates for member consideration. Bob Habeck suggested polling members every 3 months to establish monthly meeting dates for 2016. Members are encouraged to attend in person at least one time per quarter.
- Lisa Peterson discussed the use of an online project management tool called 'Basecamp'. It will be used to exchange information by the subcommittees.

Action Items:

- Advisory Group Charter. Motion to approve was made by Peggy Trenk and second by Joe Radonich. No further discussion. There was unanimous approval.
- Proxy Form. Motion to approve was made by Jim Devlin and second by Joe Radonich. No further discussion. There was unanimous approval.
- Recommendation Form. Motion to approve was made by Peggy Trenk and second by Gayla Benefield. No further discussion. There was unanimous approval.
- No public comment on old business.

New Business:

- Bob discussed what success looks like for meeting the requirements of HB434 and the deadline for recommendations. Ed Surbrugg recommended about learning more about the asbestos program, stakeholder issues, and DEQ's Executive Planning Process (EPP) process.
- Emily and Deb discussed the Asbestos Regulation 101/HB 434 Directives flow charts in regards to Asbestos Laws, Rules and Regulations and the AAG member duties.

- Bob suggested that the eight core requirements of HB 434 break themselves into four subcommittees. The goal would be for members to sign-up for the subcommittee that best represents that member's interest. Ed Thamke suggested using Survey Monkey for members to pick their subcommittee(s).
- Joe Radonich suggested that more information on the current issues was in order before members chose their desired subcommittee. Bob suggest that DEQ provide an Asbestos 201 presentation of the issues. Further analysis of the number of subcommittees and equitability of workload would also take place. This suggestion was well received by members.
- Jessica Smith from DEQ Remediation commented that she thinks (e) on HB434 Section 1 - Asbestos Laws, Rules and Regulations, and Focus Areas flow chart 2 would work best for the use of traditional inspectors. Remediation often uses asbestos inspectors that follow regulations and procedures designed for building inspections and not (necessarily) designed for remediation field work.
- Ed Surbrugg asked about where naturally-occurring asbestos comes into the AAG's interests. It was decided to put this topic into the Parking Garage for future discussion. The regulation of residential asbestos is also currently in the Parking Garage.

Public Comment:

- Bruce Kirby commented that Asbestos Accreditation Inspector Refresher courses should be 6 hours instead of 4 hours due to not enough time to cover all the training content within the 4 hour time frame.
- Self-study to members of fees, permitting process, notebook information.

Action and Discussion Items for November's Meeting:

- Review October minutes for approval.
- Review instructions for Basecamp project management tool.
- Discuss meeting calendar for 1st quarter 2016.
- Discuss Fee Rule process and status.
- Discuss current asbestos issues – 'Asbestos 201'.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.