

Asbestos Advisory Group Survey Comments:

Q2. Are there any other issues or topics you think should be discussed by the Asbestos Advisory Group?

Qualifications for "consultants". Consultant should be more than a recently licensed "inspector".

1) The above 8 topics should just serve as a starting point for discussion knowing other topics yet to be known, may rise in priority. 2) Four of the eight topics relate to the permitting process. These topics should all be consolidated and considered in one topic discussion. 3) Creating a mechanism for the Department to grant a variance for structures not meeting the strict definition of a "facility" as defined by the rule. 4) Allowing the Department to make a determination to exclude other building material other than wood, metal or glass as non asbestos containing based on empirical data (e.g. foam, rubber, fiberglass, concrete, etc.)

Coordinating MT DEQ Solid Waste Program and MT DEQ Asbestos Program guidelines/rules for disposal of non-friable asbestos containing materials in landfills.

I want to emphasize the importance of project size and streamlining the process. The registration approach is interesting and I look forward to delving into that with the committee and my members.

I feel that every asbestos issue is important whether it is in remediation or permitting no matter the size of the project.

Permit fee structure and allocation of those fees to support the administration of the agency and the actual work being completed.

Q3. How many face to face meetings do you think the Asbestos Advisory Group should have?

Trying to get all of us at every meeting will be very difficult. We also need to develop proxy rules.

I feel that if we were meet face to face quarterly, we could discuss topics via the internet or by phone with the object to solve the pressing issues face to face. I am not against meeting face to face regularly though, but it may prove inconvenient to some.

Q4: How accurate do you think the Purpose Charter statement reflects the intent of the Asbestos Advisory Group? 1. PURPOSE: The purpose of the Asbestos Advisory Group is to advise the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on various issues related to asbestos regulation as outlined in HB434, 2015 Legislature. An important outcome is to also foster positive working relationships between stakeholders and DEQ personnel on asbestos related issues. The Asbestos Advisory Group is not intended to advise DEQ on established Superfund processes such as the Libby Superfund site or comparable sites.

Don't limit to HB 434

I think the Department should understand that while the committee is advisory, HB 434 was passed in the last session because of several other pieces of legislation that were introduced that made significant changes to the program.

Q5: How long do you think Asbestos Advisory Group meetings should last?

Consider longer if face to face to justify travel.

If meetings are conducted electronically, 2 hours is a reasonable amount of time. I think it's difficult to keep everyone engaged if longer. Face to face can be 3-4 to respect that some members have likely traveled some distance to attend and we should get as much done as possible,

Q6. How much do you agree with the following statement in the Charter for the Asbestos Advisory Group pertaining to Roles & Responsibilities - Advisory group members are expected to:• Attend all meetings in addition to attending other ad hoc meetings to the greatest extent possible and should notify the facilitator of any anticipated absence.

Participation in ad hoc committee meetings, albeit necessary at times, should take into consideration the category members place of employment. For example, a category member who is employed in western MT may not be able to attend a category interest meeting in eastern MT requiring 2 days travel, etc.

Attend most (not all) meetings

I am not sure I like the options for a response. I don't agree with this nor strongly disagree. We are all busy people with very packed schedules. Members should try to attend but we understand getting every one there at every meeting is not possible. The internet option is the question above is a great idea. Further, it has always been my intent, and I discussed this with DEQ staff, that MPA would sit on the committee but we would have involvement from MPA members who are engaged and well versed in asbestos regulation. We need to develop a process for proxy attendance at the meetings.

Q7. How much do you agree with the following statement in the Charter for the Asbestos Advisory Group pertaining to Roles & Responsibilities - Advisory group members are expected to: Participate on ad hoc committees of interest in order to be fully informed of issues that will lead to an informed recommendation.

Participate (if reasonably possible) on ad hoc committees of interest in order to be fully informed of issues that will lead to an informed recommendation.

Participation in ad hoc committee meetings, albeit necessary at times, should take into consideration the category members place of employment. For example, a category member who is employed in western MT may not be able to attend a category interest meeting in eastern MT requiring 2 days travel, etc.

Members could appoint someone more knowledgeable.

We really need to keep meetings and ad hoc meetings to a minimum level necessary to accomplish the tasks in HB 434.

Q9: How much do you agree with the following statement in the Charter for the Asbestos Advisory Group pertaining to Roles & Responsibilities? Advisory group members are expected to: Respect final advisory group positions or recommendations.

I have a very strong aversion to this type of action. It is entirely possible that this committee may make a recommendation that one member simple can not accept and that member should have the option of offering a minority opinion. To be honest, there might be something that comes out of this committee that ends up in the legislature and a promise to agree with final positions in the beginning, before we have had an opportunity to discuss and understand views is not acceptable.

Q12. Is there anything else not mentioned in question #11 that you hope to achieve by being an Asbestos Advisory Group member?

To help eliminate confusion and misunderstanding while raising awareness of asbestos regulations and concerns in order to provide a more positive working relationship with all parties affected by asbestos.

I am somewhat put back that question 11 would include protecting human health and the environment.

That is a given and we all know the risks. I hope to accomplish the goals of HB 434 as a member of this group. Side note: MPA has offered these answers on this survey with the understanding that we have not seen the Charter document and answered the questions without the whole charter document's context.

I answered each question with a 1 for very important. I don't know if my answers appeared.

Work to tame the usual rhetoric. Focus on arriving at realistic solutions to unfortunate circumstances or problems. Patience is a virtue.