

To: Tom Livers, Director

From: Asbestos Advisory Group  
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Subject: Recommendations on Asbestos Regulation

The 2015 Legislature passed HB434 that directed the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with convening an Asbestos Advisory Group (AAG) to advise the agency on matters relating to asbestos regulation. The AAG was directed to complete its work, including issuing recommendations to DEQ, by December 31, 2016.

The AAG was comprised of 13 members representing a broad variety of professional disciplines with an interest in asbestos regulation. Interested parties and stakeholders were included in this process and were encouraged to attend meetings and/or visit with their category representative to provide comments and assistance.

The advisory group agreed upon nine recommendations (attached) by majority consensus for your consideration. These recommendations may be characterized as addressing asbestos regulation in terms of funding, permitting, enforcement and compliance, and state and federal regulations.

Recommendations are presented in a format that describes the reason for the recommendation, actions that may be taken to achieve the recommendation, and an implementation difficulty factor rating. The AAG requests that you acknowledge receipt of these recommendations and provide a response on how the agency intends to proceed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this advisory group and for advancing the conversation regarding the regulation of asbestos in the state of Montana.

Attachment

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