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Subject: DEQ Asbestos Advisory Committee – Vacancy Announcement

House Bill 434 from the 2015 Legislative session directed the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to form an Asbestos Advisory Group made up of stakeholders from a broad variety of interests in asbestos regulation. The twelve-member advisory committee has been meeting monthly since September 2015.

The Asbestos Advisory Group is addressing the following issues:

- regulatory thresholds for permits and whether a tiered permitting system is appropriate;
- the appropriate types of projects and the size of structures subject to permitting;
- the appropriate timeframe for project notification and issuance of permits;
- the scope of the DEQ's enforcement and cleanup authority and appropriate funding options;
- the relationship between federal and state authority over various issues related to asbestos control and methods to clarify conflicts;
- options to streamline the permitting process while still protecting public health and safety; and
- other issues related to asbestos regulation considered appropriate by the advisory group.

This advisory group is not intended to make recommendations to DEQ on established Superfund processes such as the Libby Superfund or comparable sites.

DEQ is recruiting for a committee member representing Environmental Advocacy Groups. This member represents organizations whose focus is on environmental protection. A full description of the twelve member categories is available on DEQ's website: <http://deq.mt.gov/asbestos/advisorygroup.mcpX>.

Members need to commit to monthly meetings held in Helena or virtual participation via "Lync" (Microsoft video technology) and conference call for audio. File sharing and coordination is done with Basecamp, a free, internet based service. The Asbestos Advisory Group will complete its work, including issuing recommendations to the DEQ, by December 31, 2016.

To apply for membership, submit a letter of interest that includes a statement of qualifications. A resume is not required, but is encouraged. Letters of interest will be accepted until the position is filled and may be submitted electronically at the email address below. * **Open Until Filled** *

For more information about the Asbestos Advisory Group, visit the group website at: <http://www.deq.mt.gov/Asbestos/default.mcpX>. You may also contact the DEQ by calling Bob Habeck at (406) 444-7305 or by e-mail at bhabeck@mt.gov.