

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

April 10, 2008

Mission Statement: *To enhance communication and the working relationship between the Department and the solid waste management facility owners/operators, through the discussion of issues and the exchange of ideas.*

Committee members in attendance:

Chairman, Doug Sparrow – Valleyview Landfill
Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating
Steve Johnson – City of Bozeman
Barb Butler – City of Billings
Max Bauer - Allied Waste Systems
Bob McWilliams (phone)- Beaverhead County
Mark Nelson - Lake County
Rick Thompson – DEQ

Others in attendance:

Darrell Stankey - DEQ Junk Vehicle Program
Jim Chilton - Flathead County Solid Waste District
Barry Damschen - Barry Damschen Consulting
Pat Crowley - Crowley Consultants, LLC
MaryLouise Hendrickson - DEQ Solid Waste Program
Dave Duffy - City-County Sanitation
Ed Thamke - DEQ WUTMB
Brian Spangler – DEQ Recycling Program
John Podolinsky – DEQ Asbestos Program

Call to Order: Doug Sparrow – 1:40 pm, Helena, Montana.

Review and acceptance of minutes from January 10, 2008.

Steve Johnson made a comment that the minutes did not quote any of the SWAC members, it was as if they were not at the meeting.

(Note: Steve wants to be quoted.)

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:

- Update on the building code requirements for container sites. Status of Draft Rules by Mark Nelson. Mark thought that one of his employees may have found a design that might work where they can operate and still comply.

Mark reported that he is being sued again. A guy that fell into a dumpster two years ago finally found an attorney to take his case.

Solid Waste Program Vacancies: Rick reported that the position was filled that was vacated by Colin McCoy. Joseph Blaine has taken that position and will be returning after his honeymoon in Jamaica. In quoting Rick, (so he can get him some stuff), (hot sauce).

The hydro position is going through recruitment now. This one was vacated by Mary Hendrickson. Hoping to do interviews next week. The Department should have all positions filled by the end of May.

Ed is working on the System Analyst position that he spoke of at the last meeting. Hoping to advertise soon.

Compost Facilities Tipping Fees: It was suggested that at this meeting it could be debated that the compost facilities pay a different fee than the other Class II facilities.

Rick gave a breakdown of what their fees would be and if they would be charged a fee or charge a tipping fee.

Rick presented a chart showing the stand-alone large compost facilities. Showing their tonnage for FY07 and what their base fee is now and what their overall fees would be if they paid an additional forty cents.

Ed asked for the opinion of SWAC on facilities such as these where there is a green activity such as composting. What would the opinion of the group be to establish funding for market development so that we can have more composters? Just assuming that Rick's total figures are right, the annual revenue from composting fees to be earmarked for pollution preventative activity.

Sherrel did not like for the fees that she pays going to things unrelated to her landfill.

Max thought the fees that would be paid would allow others to compete against the existing ones. And that would not be a good precedent to set. He thought it would be different if there was no market, but the market is there. Wasn't sure why the composters weren't jumping in to meet the market.

Barb stated that she thought it should be more distributed if it would mean money to manage these facilities.

Rick said this was the primary question. Ed stated not to blind-side the composters, but to give them notice this is coming. Rick stated that to change a few rules, it would take a few months.

- Recycling Market Development Work Group Update.

- Brian Spangler stated that the recycling working group was launched. Twenty-two people were on the list which included the DEQ, Rick, Ed, Lou Moore, Sandra, Dusti and Brain. He hired a facilitator, Becky Brandenburg. On the working group, Allied is representing a private

landfill. Billings is representing a public landfill, Mark Nelson from Lake County representing a transfer, Big Butte representing composters (did not show up the day).

When the working group was developed, they went around the state making sure all sectors were covered. Recycler from the Flathead, recycler from Missoula, recycler from Sidney was invited, but did not show.

The first meeting was yesterday and lasted 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. The Agenda was mailed out to the working ahead of time. He spoke with Representative Galpin on the phone, to let him know that the working group was being put together. Everyone thought the meeting went well.

They have another meeting on April 24, 2008. At this meeting, they will take ideas they came up with and formulate a plan based on these and put it in writing.

P2 Program Update:

- Brian gave this report. Two weeks ago, Tom Livers and he, with the Department of Ag traveled to Northern and was involved in the grand opening of the biodiesel testing lab. There is now an official biodiesel testing lab for the state. The DEQ got the funding from the last Legislative Session and transferred that to Northern.

Projects that Dusti is working on is the Montana Federal Credit Union in Missoula. It is 100% fly ash and glass cullet. This is moving forward. There will be one in Billings. It is the KLOS Building. Also, the retirement home in Helena. It is all new technology. The Montana State University in Bozeman and Western Transportation Institute have a patent on it. Next weekend, Dusti, Sandra, and Brian will be in Missoula attending the Earth Event.

The school chemical lab clean-up program has cleaned up nine schools across the state.

Dusti continues to work on a pesticide collection date with the Department of Ag. That will be in conjunction with Ravalli County.

The Program is working with Women's Voices of the Earth out of Missoula. They received a \$50,000 grant from the EPA on CFL's recycling. They will be giving that out to eight stores.

Ed stated that he had spoke with Jamie Silverberger with regard to bulb crushers. He was promoting them. She sent him information which has gotten him a bit concerned.

Steve asked if the bulb eaters were not environmentally sound or efficient. Ed stated that he wanted to do some research on what he was provided to see if there is an option. That is why some hazwaste money as been dedicated to see what is real.

Brian stated that he spoke with Dusti and they are continuing to use the boxes where the CFL's are dropped off and when they are full the UPS picks them up. And will continue to use these until they have looked at this information.

Other Solid Waste Program Issues:

- **Quarterly Report:** Rick spoke on this topic. In the packet there is a quarterly number breakdown for your review.

- There are four highlights, the major one is the Solid Waste Draft Rules. This will be filed next Tuesday at the Secretary of State office. The Public Meeting on these will be May 14, at the Metcalf Building, Room 35.

- After this if filed the Department will be working on the rules for composting, landfarming and financial assurance. These have been drafted. Looking for a publishing date of June 6 in the Montana Administrative Code.

- The last thing to highlight in this quarter is alternative final cover permit guidance. There is funding from the EPA. Headquarters and staff members in Denver have begun putting together a guidance document with Craig Benson and Bill Albright. They should have a draft by the end of August. It will be reviewed in the Region 8 states and hoping to publish it by the end of the year. It will be a guide taking all the state rules and laws. It is a technical permitting document. This will be published by the EPA.

- **Project Status Report:** Rick passed out a report showing what projects had been accomplished by the Department, (ones that have been reviewed and licensed and ones that are late with submitting the renewal applications).

Steve Johnson reported that the landfill will be closing on June 30 this year. Only the Class II and Class IV will stay open for the City project.

New Issues

- All these were commented on previously.

- Rick brought attention to a Memo in the packet concerning disposal of broken compact florescent light bulbs. This is to be put on the web page.

Ed thanked the SWAC for supporting our decision to reclassify the hydrologist position to a System Analyst. We have reclassified the position and have updated the job profile and it should be announced tomorrow. This will be first in the Agency to have a higher level of responsibility, that actually does the backend (the programming aspects of it).

On Monday there will be a meeting with an organization that recently formed the Asbestos Consultants and Contractors Association of Montana. It will be in an advisory capacity. It will enable us to work more closely with the asbestos professionals in the state.

Ed wanted to give a heads up on a proposed legislation to ban household hazardous waste from landfills, to ban e-waste from landfills. Not from us. He had spoke to the person that wanted to do this, but to no avail.

The latter part of this month, he will be meeting with the EPA regional program managers and headquarters people on RCRA C& D issues. He will be representing the Board of Directors

for ASTSWMO. It enables us to communicate directly with the headquarters people who live in a bit of a bubble in Washington DC. The regional people are more understanding because we work more with them within Region 8. He will have the opportunity to explain what it is like in a rural state and all the challenges we are faced with.

Announcements/ Training Opportunities:

Mike Vogel was unable to attend the meeting due to a chocolate chip cookie.

- MSU Extension SW Related Training

Rick gave an update for Mike. All the training offered for FY08 have been completed. The last being the refrigerant training in Billings. That one went really well. Seventeen participants and thirteen took the test and eleven passed. One took the test at a higher level and passed.

MOLO course is coming up. Wanted the group to agree on a date. It is set for mid August at this time. Nothing definite. It will be in Great Falls this year.

It will be done 100% by SWANA staff. At a cost of several hundred dollars per participant. MOLO could be more expensive than it has been. It has been running \$25,000. This will be a concern on the training budget.

Barry Damschen suggested that in order to off-set some of the expense that maybe a charge should be made to the ones that have already been to the trainings.

Other suggestions were made that the course to be free to the new people and the ones that need to keep up their certification be charged. There was much discussion on how the expense could be handled. Nothing was decided.

Agenda for next meeting:

- Barry stated that he had been working with Tim on management/ inspections at landfills concerning asbestos at the gate. He would like have this on the agenda to have some meetings and figure out how this is to be handled.
- Facility building code update.
- Cost of management of compost facilities by the Solid Waste Program.
- Update for recycling
- ACE Hardware project and the florescent light bulb disposal.

S.W.A.C. will meet again on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 1:30 pm in the Director's Conference Room 111.

Adjourn: 3:30 pm

