

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

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:**

Barb Butler - City of Billings (via conference call)  
Rick Thompson - DEQ Solid Waste Section  
Brian Hohn – Broadwater County Solid Waste  
Dave Duffy – Tri-County Disposal

### **Committee Members not in attendance:**

Small Eastern Montana Class II Landfill representative – currently vacant  
Joe Aline - Shumaker Trucking, Great Falls  
Amy Ferguson – Unified Disposal District (unable to conference her in as requested)  
Mark Nelson – Lake County (unable to conference him in as requested)  
Roger Bridgeford – Montana Waste Systems  
Jim Simon – Gallatin County Solid Waste (unable to conference him in as requested)

### **Others in attendance:**

Barry Damschen - Barry Damschen Consulting  
Jim Keeney - Republic Services  
Jake Paetsch - Republic Services  
Mike Rieger - DEQ enforcement  
Fred Collins - DEQ solid waste  
Julie Ackerlund - DEQ Air Quality Bureau – Planner  
Stephanie Beckert – Great West Engineering  
Mary Talley – DEQ fiscal  
Dianna Robinson – DEQ materials management  
John Collins – DEQ solid waste  
Bob Church, Great West Engineering  
Grant Rodway – DEQ Air Quality Bureau - Specialist  
Glen Rafish – BSB landfill  
Joe McElroy – Pioneer Technical Services  
Emily Ewart - DEQ - Rule Coordinator  
Carolina Balliew – DEQ water protection bureau  
Gerald Wagner – Blackfeet Environmental

- **Meeting Called to Order at 1:43 p.m.**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
  - The minutes from the October 6, 2017, meeting were approved

- **Introductions**
  - Rick, Brian, Carolina Balliew DEQ WPB, Julie Ackerlund DEQ AQB, Jake Paige, and some others
  
- **Agenda Items from Previous Meeting**
  - New Landfill Emission Guidelines & New Performance Standard – Julie Ackerlund AQB
    - What hasn't changed
      - Comply the 1996 New Source Performance Standard Subpart WWW or
      - Comply with the Montana State Plan that implements 1996 Emission Guideline from NSPS Subpart Cc.
    - As of October 2016
      - Comply with the 2016 NSPS Subpart XXX.
    - Affected sources for the above rules are both 2.5 million megagrams and 2.5 million cubic meters in volume.
    - The emission guidelines in Subpart Cf from 2016 that are the complimentary rule to Subpart XXX for existing sources is not yet adopted into a state or federal plan. EPA is required to approved state plans and they are not interested in reviewing state plans now. EPA is reconsidering many 'methane rules', which this rule is a part of. We don't expect this status with EPA to change in the next few months, but we anticipate that news may become available in the next year. We will resume work on the Montana State Plan for Subpart Cf when EPA is ready to begin reviewing them.
  - Solid Waste Training Update – Fred Collins
    - FY18 training up to now: MOLO in Missoula in September, and Landfill Efficiency in Bozeman in October
    - Health and safety webinar by Neal Bolton happening in end of February
    - Equipment rodeo end of Sept 2018
    - SW tradeshow end of July 2018
      - Roger wants a vendor for tarps to be there
      - Bob Church talked about getting tire shredding vendors there, and suggested using SWANA's attendance list for vendors
      - Use Olympic Sales' contact list
      - Ed knows someone for IT services
  - Rules Update – TENORM Rules and Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) – Emily Ewart
    - Published TENORM rules on August 18. There were 2 public hearings, wanted comment period extended to Sept 17. Based on comments, rules will be revised. They will then be re-noticed, and the public comment period will start again.
  - Solid Waste Licensing Flowchart – Rick Thompson and Bob Habeck
    - Bob was asked to help create a flowchart starting with the first request for a license.
    - The process is just starting. There will be timelines involved.
    - Ed would like to see the flowchart put up for the group at the next meeting
  
- **Solid Waste Section Updates**
  - Licensing – Rick Thompson
    - Currently renewing septic tank pumper licenses
    - Licensing of a couple major facilities
    - Working on a couple of facility expansions

- Inspections – Rick Thompson
  - Inspection activity was slow due to weather
  - Approximately 35 inspections were performed and there were few violations. Windblown litter is the main violation.
- Materials Management – Brady Christensen
  - Waiting for one facility to do shielding
  - Waiting for rest of licensing to go through; 2 facilities were denied
  - All payments in except 1
  - Did 37 audits out of 39 groups
  - Working on integrated waste management for 2018
- Enforcement - Mike Rieger
  - 10 new asbestos complaints
  - 2 JV complaints
  - 7 solid waste complaints
  - Sara will send this update out after the meeting
- Carolina Balliew on water permit
  - Permit being worked on
  - Check bmps
  - 2 kinds of inspections
  - There is an annual inspection form that needs to be completed and returned
  - It was clarified that some facilities have a sage grouse exemption
  - The permit lists what the qualifications for an inspector are
  - There are conditional exclusions for no exposure
  - Public notice closes next weds Jan 17

- **New Agenda Items**

- Solid Waste Fees
  - fees are going up
  - Q: where are the fees coming from? A: we do break that down in the plan
  - Ed asked facilities to give input about fees and where they'd like the money to go. Please email Rick your feedback if you aren't here. Don't comment during the meeting.
  - It was suggested that septic tank pumper fees be raised.
- Pros & cons of starting a SWANA chapter in MT
  - Barry asked who initiates starting one. Brian thought we'd look at colleges and universities.
  - Pro – we'd get more training (currently we provide free training and get SWANA credits for it)
  - Gerald wanted to know what SWANA's fee is

- **Round Robin Discussion**

- Brian wants to know what folks are doing with plastics. Broadwater County is landfilling them.
- China won't take raw plastic product anymore, only pelletized. Currently there is no market for plastic.
- Diana and Dusti will try to get more information
- Extended miscellaneous discussion transpired

- **Agenda items for next meeting**
  - fees
  - assign a SWAC member to fee discussion
  - SWANA discussion
  - Bob Habeck update
  - Where tribes are at in solid waste – Gerald Wagner
- **The next SWAC meeting will be April 5, 2018**
- **The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.**