

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 15, 2014**

*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:**

Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County  
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating  
Chris Viets – Richland County Landfill (Phone)  
Max Bauer – Republic Service  
Barb Butler – City of Billings  
Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal  
Dave Duffy – Tri County Disposal  
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality

**Committee members not in attendance:**

Larry Lakner – Beaverhead County  
Mark Nelson – Lake County

**Others in attendance: (missing sign in sheet)**

Bonnie Rouse – Department of Environmental Quality  
Mary Louise Hendrickson – Department of Environmental Quality  
Jim Simon – Logan Landfill

**Called to Order at 1:35 p.m. by Sherrel Rhys.**

**The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.** Sherrel asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes. There were none.

**Sherrel asked for everyone to introduce themselves and to state who they work for as there were several new people in attendance.**

**Agenda Items from Previous Meeting**

- **Rules Update – Gordy Higgins/Rick Thompson**
  - Financial Assurance Rules-Gordy just gave a quick update on the rules.
  - Petroleum Impacted Soils Landfarm – Gordy discussed some of the issues with using this type of soil for landfarms.
  - Compost Rules – Kathy O'Hern has worked closely with Gordy on the wording of the draft rules and is working towards consistency of terms with in the rules.
  
- **Oil and Gas Exploration & Production (E&P) Waste – Mary Louise Hendrickson/Gordy Higgins/Steve Kilbreath**
  - Gordy talked about the meeting which took place on January 9, 2014, in Billings with the Montana Board of Oil and Gas, Underground Injection

Section. Those in attendance from DEQ were; Gordy Higgins, Mary Hendrickson, and Steve Kilbreath. Steve Kilbreath spoke about the significant border effect because North Dakota was extremely behind on their licensing of industrial waste landfills. Now that they are caught up, there isn't the waste coming into Montana like there was initially when the oil boom hit.

Steve also talked about the differences between Montana and North Dakota. One of the big significances is that Montana has already reached their peak drilling and North Dakota has not.

Mary Hendrickson talked about the fact that the guidance that the Solid Waste Program had given to facilities a little over a year ago was appropriate for the management of E&P wastes in Montana.

Joe Aline asked what North Dakota has for their limits and Gordy responded that it was five picocuries per gram. This is based upon the facility design. It does come down to the risk analysis.

Gordy also pointed out that EPA Region 8 is now realizing that NORM and TENORM waste generated and shipped around the region for disposal needs a consistent regulatory framework. There are no federal rules in place for the management of E&P NORM and TENORM wastes. At the state level a significant amount of work has to be done to modify the Solid Waste Management Rules address E&P wastes.

Barb Butler asked Mary how many Montana landfills are accepting NORM & TENORM waste. Mary told the committee that there is one licensed Class II landfill built solely for the acceptance of E&P wastes. There were also two Class II landfills that accept limited amounts of E&P wastes along with municipal solid wastes.

- **Solid Waste Training – Kathy O'Hern**

- Kathy was on annual leave and Rick Thompson gave the training update. Rick gave a summary of the Transfer Station and Container Site training in November 2013. There were 32 attendees on both days of the training. Rick thanked the City of Helena Transfer Station manager for taking the time to give the attendees a tour of that facility.
- Upcoming training – Oil Field Waste – Characterization, Impact, and Management in Miles City, February 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> and Heavy Equipment Maintenance will be in Billings, April 29-30 there will also be an equipment rodeo so the operators can show their skills and some hands on demonstration including equipment checks. Rick also mentioned that they plan to do a MOLO in 2015.

- **Local Government and Recycling – Bonnie Rouse**
  - Bonnie told the committee that Local Government and Recycling section had relocated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Metcalf Building.
  - Recycling programs are getting started again.
  - Bonnie and Rick attended to the Environmental Quality Council meeting to present on the status of the revised state Integrated Solid Waste Plan. With the EQC falling behind schedule, Bonnie was asked by the chairman to give a brief presentation. Bonnie's obliged the chairman and was at the podium for a total of 3.5 minutes.
  - DOA said that they are looking at their commodities recycling.
  
- **New Agenda Items**
  - Recycling Licenses – Sherrel talked about the fact that she had asked to have this item be put back on the agenda since SWAC had recommended that they be licensed so they can be tracked and kept in compliance. Ed mentioned that the department is doing an evaluation to see what the best process for this type of solid waste management.
  - Federal Green House Gas Rule Making – Eric Merchant, Rebecca Harbage
  - Headwaters Recycling – Is no longer in business. The glass pulverizer equipment is being sold to cover a couple of bills the association needs to pay. If it is not sold in the near future, it will probably be put out to auction.
  - Barb asked about the gentlemen that was bailing tires. Sherrel talked about that the gentlemen is working very hard at making the business work.
  - Mary was reminding folks that renewals will be mailed out at the end of the month and she has made some more changes to make them more user friendly.
  - Chris Viets announced that she is retiring from her job with Richland County, and that a replacement will have to found to represent small eastern landfills on the SWAC.

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

Rule update  
Solid Waste Training  
Clean Air Act

**Set Next Meeting Date – April 10, 2014, in Room 111 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:56 p.m.**