

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 21, 2013

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
Mark Nelson – Lake County
Clay Vincent – Hill County
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating
Dave Duffy – Tri County Disposal
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality

Committee members not in attendance:

Max Bauer – Republic Services (Allied Waste)
Larry Laknar – Beaverhead County
Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County

Others in attendance:

Gordy Higgins - Department of Environmental Quality
Kathy O'Hern – Department of Environmental Quality
Jim Lang – City of Helena
Martin Bey – Gallatin SWMD
Glen Rafish – Butte Silver Bow Landfill

Called to Order at 1:35 pm by Barb Butler.

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

Solid Waste Issues Training Update:

- Rick Thompson/Kathy O'Hern
 - Nothing has really changed.
 - March 13 and 14 – Coping with Personnel, the Public, and the Generation Gap in the Work Place at the Comfort Suites in Helena
 - Rick reminded folks that they needed some real life situations that occur at the landfills for the training to use at the training.
 - April 23 through 26 – Manager of Landfill Operations at the Butte La Quinta Inn in Butte
 - There will be a cap for the attendance.
 - May 15 and 16 – Asbestos, Meth, and Debris Management at SW Facilities at Missoula Best Western Grant Creek Inn.
 - There was also discussion regarding the valuable feedback that they receive with the training evaluation forms.

LGR Update:

- Section activities/Upcoming Training – Bonnie Rouse
 - Mark, Matt, Sandra, Dusti went to Spokane for Recycling packages.
 - Integrated Waste Management – already done but working with the lawyers to finalize.
 - March 25 Recycle Day at the Capitol
 - After hours type of event –meet and greet with Recycle Montana
 - Off the record conversations
 - Lewis and Clark Brewery
 - Home Show and Earth Day events
 - April 25 and 26 Region 8 meetings in Billings
 - ASWTMO is having their mid-year meeting in Billings
 - Rick is trying to coordinate a Region 8 Solid Waste Meeting at that time. There are a lot of the same issues among the states that need to be discussed and shared.
 - Bonnie will be meeting with EPA and National Prevention Pollution Nationally
 - April 26, Annie Leonard will be in Bozeman. The author of “The Story of Stuff.”
 - April 19 through May 9 – Recycling Art Show at the Holter Museum. Kathy O’Hern is one of the organizers.

- Legislative Update – Gordon Higgins/Ed Thamke
 - Ed Thamke gave an update on HB 146 which was originally titled: “An act prohibiting the Department of Environmental Quality from collecting annual license fees for a solid waste facility until the facility receives solid waste; Prohibiting the Department from increasing application fees to offset changes in certain annual license fee requirements; requiring the Department to justify the costs and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date.” Ed discussed the history behind the bill and the options that the Department was exploring as a response to the bill. Several options for implementing the bill were discussed that would address the sponsor’s concerns and still provide for adequate funding for the Program’s licensing activities.
 - There was also some discussion of what other bills might have potential impact for the facilities.
 - SB364 – Coal Combustion Bill and how there could be some impacts for facilities. Will know more later.

New Agenda Items:

- Compost Rules – Kathy O’Hern
 - There are no existing compost rules just a definition in subchapter 4.
 - These rules are focused for those independent facilities.
 - Hoping to have them completed by June 2013.
 - The question was asked if there would be an attempt to include testing of herbicides.

- Bonnie is asking if they would or could consider medium composter instead of just a small and large composter. Rick said that they can look at that option. There was some discussion of herbicides in composting and then the different purposes for the different sizes.
- Oil and Gas Exploration & Production (E&P) Wastes
 - There was some discussion about whether landfills can turn the waste away. The answer is yes.

6) Agenda items for next meeting.

- Legislative Update
- E & P Waste
- OSHA clarifications from Marc Ingraham if necessary
- Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting
 - Solid Waste FA rules update
 - Solid Waste Training for the next two years and feedback

Next Meeting will be May 8, 2013 in Room 111 of the Metcalf Building.

7) Adjourn at 3:11 p.m.