

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2017

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
Joe Aline - Shumaker Trucking, Great Falls
Dave Duffy – Tri-County Disposal
Brian Hohn – Broadwater County Solid Waste
Mark Nelson – Lake County

Committee Members not in attendance:

Small Eastern Montana Class II Landfill representative – currently vacant
Rick Thompson - DEQ Solid Waste Section
Jim Simon – Gallatin County Solid Waste

Others in attendance:

Barry Damschen - Barry Damschen Consulting
Julie Ackerlund - DEQ Air Quality Bureau - Planner
Fred Collins - DEQ Solid Waste Program
Emily Ewart - DEQ WUTMB Rule Coordinator
Glen Rafish – Butte-Silver Bow County Landfill
Grant Rodway – DEQ Air Quality Bureau - Specialist
Mary Hendrickson - DEQ Solid Waste Section
Candice Bell – Jefferson County Solid Waste
Stephanie Beckert – Great West Engineering
Matt Elsaesser – Helena Industries
Brady Christensen – DEQ Materials Management Program
Bob Church – Great West
David Sanborn – DEQ Solid Waste Program

- **Meeting Called to Order at 1:21 p.m.**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - Corrections to 4-6-2017 minutes
 - Joe Aline's name is Joe Aline, not Shumaker
 - Clay Vincent and Mark Nelson need to be added to attendees
 - The minutes were approved with these changes
- **Introductions**
 - There were no introductions
- **Agenda Items From Previous Meeting**

- Landfill Emission Guidelines & New Performance Standard – Rule Making Update – Julie Ackerlund ARMB
 - Rules refer to class II municipal solid waste landfills
 - Scott Pruitt put a 90 day stay on rules finished by Aug 29
 - Notice of proposed rulemaking is supposed to go into the federal register, and at that point in time comments will be solicited
 - At this point in time the state's plan is sidelined
 - 1996 emission guidelines are still in effect
 - Stay in touch with your national associations to keep abreast of developments, and submit your feedback
 - Bob Church had a recent conversation in which he was told the state had also enacted the 1996 rule - Julie confirmed that is not true
- Solid Waste Training Update – Fred Collins
 - Fred reviewed a handout he distributed at the start of today's meeting
 - Someone asked about the percentages (indicating how valuable participants found the training) Fred provided – he gets these numbers using an average of feedback from all the respondents
 - MOLO is the 11-15 of Sept; a couple hotels are on hold, no location chosen yet. Class II facilities have priority for this
 - Oct 9, 2017 Landfill Efficiency Training. Two day training with one day in the classroom and one in the field.
 - Nothing planned for spring yet. Please email Fred Collins, Mary Hendrickson, or Rick Thompson with ideas.
 - Rick asked for ideas for upcoming trainings. Candice requested HAZWOPER training. Mark suggested doing an 8 hour refresher.
 - The fire safety training went well, drones were used to identify hot spots and other new technology was taught. Rick wondered if new technological advances could be an idea for upcoming trainings.
 - Mark Nelson suggested that safety training would be good for publicly owned facilities that have Department of Labor/OSHA inspections.
 - Brian reported that the Employee Accountability training in Billings was very good
- Rick talked about recycling guides
- Roll-out of the Solid Waste Section Data Search Tools (DST) – Ron Hoyt
 - The DST is now live and in production
 - Ron walked the group through DEQ's website, demonstrating the solid waste and septic tank pumper search features (only disposal locations are available). Not all of the relevant data (e.g., phone numbers) is included at this time
 - The map part is not up yet
 - Mark asked what we could do to help update the missing data for the landfill facilities, Ron responded that they have the data, they just need to add it
 - Ed asked about the picture on the website's banner and noted we may want to redo it
- Rules Update – TENORM – Emily Ewart

- Close to noticing TENORM rules
 - A contracting firm was hired to put together a findings report, environmental groups & industry comments were utilized
 - SWAC is mentioned in the rules as a contributing entity, so the meeting comments are being used
 - The rules are very specific, groundwater is addressed, liner, leachate, closure & post-closure care are all addressed
 - Mark Nelson asked for a draft, Emily responded that while one exists it isn't being released due to legal concerns. Hopefully it will be ready shortly.
 - Barb asked if anyone had seen the letter a citizen has been repetitively sending in, that letter is currently being ignored as public responses are being held off until the rules are finalized.
- **Solid Waste Section Updates**
 - Licensing – Mary Hendrickson
 - Out of 165 licenses, 151 are subject to renewal. Out of those, 11 have not been issued, due to: late renewals & 1 facility due to lack of compliance
 - She is hoping to publish the EA by the end of the month.
 - They are also working on EAs for Clean Solutions, Atkins, and others
 - Barb asked about a landfarm north of Billings, it was actually a land application site for a septic tank pumper – the EPA is proceeding with their action against the pumper. Someone is thinking of buying the site and using it for land application
 - Inspections – Rick Thompson
 - All class II and most class IIIs were inspected at least once and the program is on track for getting facilities inspected twice this year
 - There are very few violations and most are minor (there is one exception)
 - Mary H interjected that the compliance inspection training was done this year in Helena, and comments were received that a lot of people didn't know about it, and there were requests to repeat the training.
 - She also requested that you let the program know if you aren't getting training notices
 - Materials Management – Brady Christensen
 - Audits are being performed on the JV side to ensure the money is being reported and used correctly. Brady anticipates getting 30-35 audits done this year.
 - Inspections are going well
 - JV has trainings Sept 21 in Lewistown and Sept 28 in Polson

- Dusti just did a collection event in Thompson Falls where 4.5 tons of e-waste was collected
 - Rick interjected that a gentleman from MAP indicated there might be grant money available for Montana this year
- Enforcement - Mike Rieger
 - 54 new complaints: 23 asbestos, 8 JV, 3 septic tank pumper, and 20 solid waste - of the solid waste 3 were licensed facilities
- **New Agenda Items**
 - Jen Lane from MEPA who has been assisting with EAs will address this body, to help everyone present prepare applications.
 - Jen gave a power point presentation on MEPA, which helps produce legally defensible documents
 - the presentation addressed how to transmit this information without aggravating the situation
 - Mary H interjected that Billings looked at 3 or 4 alternatives when they submitted their documents, and that was really helpful
 - Mark asked for a copy of the power point and Sara will mail them out
 - Rick brought up the purpose and scope of an application, which is to be succinct in your descriptions. Know: what is the purpose of the document. The need for the document can be determined by asking: why is the activity being done?
- **Round Robin Discussion**
 - Dave Duffy Valley, View Landfill hasn't received their license yet, cell 4 is just about complete. New ponds have been put in & they are planning on enlarging the leachate ponds
 - Joe Aline just purchased new drone system to do quantity measurements
 - Brain Hohn, Broadwater County is growing, so there is increased volume to their transfer station
 - Barb Butler - the little Laurel airport is expanding the runway, so they may be getting 3,000 tons of waste from that
 - Mark Nelson, Lake County - they have more and more construction waste showing up. The EPA is replacing a bunch of power poles
 - Roger - a Cascade County attendant found a 100 year old map and returned it to the customer (she is a seasonal customer, and the attendant remembered her)
 - Barry Damschen – it's as dry as he's seen in in eastern MT, and everybody's doing a good job
 - Bob Church – they are just getting started on initial design process for a new Sanders county facility that will be designed this winter. Hired as part of team w/ another firm for drop off facility in Billings
 - Candice Bell, Jefferson County is working to get a professional report in case in changes need to be done (closing or moving sites/containers), they are still struggling with the increased vegetative waste generated from landowners

- Big Sky E-recycling (electronics) has been accepting recycling material for the last 18 months; they are on track to do about double the volume this year.
- **Agenda items for next meeting**
 - Finalized training schedule
- October 5, 2017 will be the next SWAC meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 3:10