

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JULY 10, 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:**

Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County  
Joe Aline – Shumaker Trucking & Excavating  
Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal  
Chris Viets – Richland County Landfill  
Max Bauer – Republic Service  
Mark Nelson – Lake County  
Barb Butler – City of Billings  
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality

**Committee members not in attendance:**

Larry Lakner – Beaverhead County

**Others in attendance:**

Jerilynn Webb – Gallatin Solid Waste  
Jim Simon – Gallatin Solid Waste  
Dawn Chretien – Gallatin Solid Waste  
David Levered – 4 Corners Recycling  
Matt Elsaesser – Recycle Montana  
Bonnie Rouse – Department of Environmental Quality  
Bob McWilliams – Department of Environmental Quality  
Glen Rafish – Butte Silver Bow  
Mary Louise Hendrickson –  
Bonnie Rouse – Department of Environmental Quality  
Jeff Kruckenberg – Flathead County Solid Waste  
Jim Chilton – Flathead County Solid Waste

**Called to Order at 1:36 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.

**Introduction of New SWAC Members and Solid Waste Section Staff – Rick Thompson**

**Agenda Items from Previous Meeting**

- Legislative updates
  - Gordy Higgins gave a final update on the bills that impacted the Solid Waste Program and regulated facilities.
  - Matt Elasseer talked about bills that Recycle Montana worked on.

- Financial Assurance Rules update
- Oil and Gas Exploration & Production (E&P) Waste – Mary Louise Hendrickson
  - Told the committee that the SWP has completed the licensure of the first E&P waste landfill in Montana. The licensure of the Oaks Class II landfill was completed on February 14, 2013, with construction to begin on March 4, 2013. It is anticipated it will start receiving E&P wastes in early June 2013.
  - Mary also shared that two new E&P waste landfill applications have been submitted and things continue to be busy.
  - There was follow-up discussion with regards to where the State Board of Oil and Gas authority ends and DEQ begins in the regulation of the wastes being generated at E&P lease sites.
  - There was also some discussion regarding establishing rules for this waste stream. Mary reminded everyone of the availability of the E&P waste guidance documents on the SWP web page.

#### **Local Government and Recycling Update – Bonnie Rouse**

- Bonnie shared with committee the availability of recycling bins that are loanable and can be loaned to anyone that needs them.
- Yellowstone Business Partnership Group – huge focus on waste diversion
- Planning a waste diversion meeting in the Flathead area.
  - Hopefully in August or September
- NDakota/SDakota and Montana Recycling Conference
  - Wal-Mart has come in as a sponsor of this conference to help pay speakers costs.
- Hauled 322 tons of glass collected in Butte, Missoula, and Livingston and transported by rail and truck.
- Poverello Center in Missoula looking for 53 tons of pulverized glass for their new construction.

#### **Introductions of new committee member and Solid Waste Section:**

Rick talked about the status of members of the committee and waiting to see what happens in Gallatin County. Chris Viets from Richland County Landfill has replaced the position vacated by Tom Barth.

Rick also introduced new Solid Waste Section staff members John Collins (new hydro-geologist), and Brady Christensen (Environmental Scientist Specialist) working in the Motor Vehicle Wrecking.

#### **New Agenda Items**

- Compost Rules – Rick Thompson
  - Summary sheet reflecting what there is now and what is being proposed.
    - Would like the addition of community composting
      - Not sure if we would be licensing these or how we can monitor community compost facilities.
      - The need to have property line setbacks established.

- Will get to SWAC for review and comment prior to being submitted to the Secretary of State's office.
  - Not sure if it will have its own subchapter or be included in Sub-chapter 5.
- Solid Waste Training – Summary report of the FY12/FY13 Training, and Syllabus for FY14/FY15
  - Rick pointed out that on the first page of the handout a summary of the training and the feedback that was also given.
    - By the program taking this on they were able to save almost \$20,000. This money does stay in the training fund and carries forward.
    - Sherrel commented that she believes that the training is much improved. She also stated that one of her employees commented that the last training on Asbestos, Meth, and Debris Management at SW Facilities was the best training he has ever attended.
  - Sherrel asked for folks to look at the list of tentative training schedule for the next biennium which is on the last page of the handout from Rick.
    - Special Waste – Tires was asked to have it added
    - Barry asked about the training on engineering component of Container Sites and the purpose behind it. Rick explained the program has received several questions about who regulates container sites. Barb will contact MACO regarding the container sites and who regulates them and who is responsible for them at the local level. There was concern about the time frame that is allowed for the training and is there something else that should be included with this.
    - Sherrel talked about the “Up For Grabs”.
    - Jim Chilton volunteered to do some discussion regarding container sites.
    - Rick will ensure that Kathy has the names of those in the committee and in attendance that are willing to assist with developing this training (Barb, Mark, Barry, and Jim Chilton) Sherrel asked if Rick would send this to her so she can forward.
    - Bonnie mentioned legal requirements and properly written contracts.
    - Alternative ways to get rid of waste streams. Sherrel said that several are using Craigslist.
    - Question whether there is the need for training on Freon removal.
    - Sherrel asked Bonnie regarding the fact that recycling isn't on any of the training.
- Open Discussion
  - Remediation division came to the program regarding one time land-farms. They asked that we change the current greater of 1600 yards to greater of 1800. Nothing is being done yet. Discussion is taking place within the department between the divisions as it would mean doing some revision to the one time land-farm guidance. The committee believes it should stay at

1600 yards and keep it as it is in rule. There was a good discussion regarding the last amount of increase to 8000.

**Agenda Items for next meeting**

Rule update

E & P Waste

NDakota/SDakota Meeting update

**Set Next Meeting Date – October 10, 2013 in Room 111 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.**