

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

July 12, 2007

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.*

Call to Order: Doug Sparrow at 1:44 pm, Helena, Montana.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Johnson – City of Bozeman; Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County; Clay Vincent – Hill County, Bob McWilliams – Beaverhead County; Max Bauer – Allied Waste Systems of Missoula; Mark Nelson – Lake County and Pat Crowley (substituting for Rick Thompson) – DEQ.

Others in attendance: Barry Damschen, Brian Spangler, Mike Vogel, and Mary Seibert.

Review and acceptance of minutes from April 12, 2007.

Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:

- Update on the Building Code Requirements for Container Sites

There were several that went to the MACo workshop. There was a working group meeting ahead of the workshop. The comment was that the building codes were one thing and the operational was another. The group is still looking for a working solution. Sherrel stated that they are taking options. Barry made the statement that there is not a one-size fits all rule. Pat stated that what he had gotten from the meeting was that there was no requirement in the Building Codes to retrofit, however, from the liability point of view the insurance people are saying if there is a new design and you are operating a public facility and you do not retrofit then they may not want to insure you. So, it is being driven by the insurance. Mark stated that SWAC should be involved in the requirements.

- Asbestos Inspection Policy

Pat commented on the email that Colin had sent to Rick as to what issues would be looked at during an inspection. Max stated that all asbestos delivered to his landfill is treated as friable. There are no exceptions. At some point it will become friable and then there is no backup.

Pat quoted the policy for NESHAPs. That it applies to regulated asbestos which is the friable. If the non-friable is made friable, by whatever means, then it all becomes regulated wastes. What should be done is to keep a map of the locations in case methane wells should need to be drilled. Handle all as if they were friable. All landfill records of burial are kept indefinitely.

- Funding for Recycling

Brian gave an update on this program.

(Was unable to clearly understand all comments on the tape).

P2 Program Update:

The City of Livingston hired a grant writer. They applied for a grant through the Department of Natural Resources web site. They received \$100,000.00 to buy a pulverizer. MDT did projects to use the glass at Whitehall and Boulder. So far this year the pulverizer has processed 1,024 tons of glass. Next plastic recycling will be in Billings and Lewistown. That will take place sometime in late August.

Dusti went to Wisconsin to Waste Wise and was certified through an accreditation program for C&D waste. She has a couple of large contractors that she will be working with here. They will be putting containers out.

The P2 Program is ready to mail out the recycling survey. These will be going mostly by email. Pat reported on the new data base that the SW Program will be using. There will be a change in the renewal questionnaire next year. The forms will reflect the kind of questions that the P2 Program needs for recycling. Missoula had an E-Waste collection event.

Yellowstone Green Conference will be in September. Sandra is on that committee. They received a grant from the EPA for funding (\$25,000.00).

Other Solid Waste Program Issues: These were deferred until the next meeting.

New Issues:

Mike Vogel updated on the compost training to be held in Missoula. He stated that there are about twenty people registered.

The date has been set for September 25, 26, 2007, in Great Falls with Neil Bolton of Blue Ridge Services to conduct training on landfill operations and equipment maintenance. There will be a notice sent soon as a location has been decided. There will be a 24-hour OSHA school in the fall.

MSU received a Federal grant that is being used to fund a state wide program called, "What's In The Can", a reinvention of a program that they had a few years ago. Mike's group at MSU is creating a tool kit that will have a lot of resources for decision makers. It is an expandable tool kit that will have information on all the waste streams generated in the state.

Mike explained that EcoStar is a recognition program of businesses, individuals, organizations, and communities, that are doing pollution prevention work. There is an event that is scheduled with the Governor on September 18, 2007. A reception with the Governor last year recognized thirty-six businesses. The information for submitting nominees can found at the web site at mtt2.org.

Mike also spoke about the Montana Materials Exchange program. He stated that it is a very effective online program and anyone can post on the site.

Pat commented on the EPA Region 8 Solid Waste Managers meeting in Billings. He enjoyed meeting all the people from other states in the region. There was participation from the P2 group and the solid waste group. He felt it was a very productive conference.

Announcements / Training Issues: S.W.A.C. will meet again on October 11, 2007, at 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the Director's Conference Room 111.

Agenda for the next meeting: Working Group on recycling funding, progress reports on MSU, building code with MACo, and Solid Waste Issues.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned 3:30 pm.