

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
December 14, 2005**

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:** Sherrel Rhys – 1:38 p.m. Helena, Montana.

**Committee members in attendance:** Sherrel Rhys – Lewis & Clark County; Barb Butler – City of Billings; Tom Barth – Coral Creek Landfill; Clay Vincent – Hill County, Bob McWilliams – Beaverhead County; Max Bauer – BFI Missoula; Joe Aline – Cascade County; and Rick Thompson – DEQ.

**Others in attendance:** Pat Crowley, Mark Nelson, Barry Damschen, Brian Spangler, Dustin Johnson, and Ed Thamke.

**Solid Waste Issues From Previous Meeting:** Brian Spangler gave his program's activity report first as he had to return to working on a project that was due that afternoon. Items included in his report were:

- He was contacted by a company out of Spokane that wants to open a recycling facility in Missoula. They will be traveling to Helena to meet with him and Rick.
- Senator Wineberg from Whitefish contacted him and Rick about electronics recycling. The senator plans on preparing e-waste recycling legislation for the 2007 session.

The question was raised about the mobile glass pulverizer, as to what was happening with it. Brian stated there had not been any tours around the state, but there are stock piles waiting to be crushed. The intent is to have the identified stockpiles crushing this spring. This will be discussed at the next Headwaters meeting.

Sherrel reported a heavy loader was due at the landfill to be used to feed the pulverizer, to speed up the process. The trailer is set to be used for hauling the loader when the pulverizer is on the road.

**Review and acceptance of the Minutes from May 4 and September 7, 2005.**

**SWAC Committee Member Replacement**

Rick raised the issue of Mark Kottwitz resigning his position with Gallatin County therefore creating a vacancy on the committee. Rick suggested that Dustin Johnson, the solid waste engineer for Gallatin County be his replacement until a more formal election could take place. All agreed.

### **Training Budget**

Rick gave a report on the training budget, stating that it was returned to the \$80,000 per biennium as was the case in the FY02/FY03. He also, gave a run-down on the classes to be held for FY06 and FY07. He will send an updated schedule with the minutes for the next meeting.

The discussion was turned to the Solid Waste training fees. Sherrel read the second draft again requesting that the budget remain at no less than \$80,000. After much discussion the motion was made and carried by all.

### **Solid Waste Rules**

Pat Crowley discussed the revision of the Solid Waste rules which is currently taking place. He explained that there would be at least two packets. The first would consist of bio-reactors, composts, waste tires and landfills. The language is being altered so as to be more understandable.

### **New issues**

Ed commented on meth training rules. Stating that currently all contractors, supervisors, and on-site workers are to be certified. He made note that there were twenty-eight people in attendance at the first meth clean-up certification class held in late November. He also mentioned that there will be another session in January.

Next, Rick explained the programmatic analysis (PA), for small composters. He explained that these facilities will be licensed by the Solid Waste Program as required by the regulations, but they will not be required to pay fees. There will be another programmatic analysis for recycling facilities at a later date.

Barb asked about the Columbus Tire pile. Rick commented on meeting with Envirocon concerning the Billings landfill accepting half the tires from the clean-up of that site. Rick indicated that he had received word from the Department of Administration that Envirocon would be disposing of all the tires from the MTS Tire Recyclers at the Tires for Reclamation Class II Landfill. All the tires will be shredded prior to disposal.

### **Solid Waste Program Over-View**

Rick gave the over-view activities for the third quarter in the Solid Waste program. He was asked what the SWP considered as "Compliance Assistance". Rick explained that any response given to the regulated community or the general public concerning general solid waste issues, explanation of regulations, or providing technical help to facilities to help them remain in compliance or to come into compliance.

**Announcements / Training Issues :** SWAC will meet again on March 1, 2006 at the Last Chance Gulf Building, Room 112, 1:30 pm -3:30 pm. This schedule was changed to March 2, 2006. To be held at the same place and time.

**Adjourn:** 3:15 pm.

