

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 15, 2015

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
Max Bauer – Republic Service
Barb Butler – City of Billings (Phone)
Clay Vincent – Unified Disposal
Dave Duffy – Tri County Disposal
Rick Thompson – Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Jim Simon – Gallatin County Landfill
Mark Nelson – Lake County

Committee members not in attendance:

Small Western Class II Landfills representative
Small Eastern Class II Landfills representative

Others in attendance:

Matt Elsaesser – Recycle Montana
Shasta Steinweden – DEQ Enforcement Division
Brian Hohn – Broadwater County Solid Waste
Glen Rafish – Butte-Silver Bow Landfill
Bob Church – Great West Engineering
Kirk Trease – Republic Services
Mary Louise Hendrickson – DEQ Solid Waste Section
Fred Collins - DEQ Solid Waste Section
Mitch Mihailovich – Pioneer Technical Services
David Seeberger – Republic Services
Cherie Swanson – Republic Services
Mark Hall - DEQ Hazardous Materials Section

Meeting Called to Order at 1:30 p.m. by Sherryl Rhys.

- **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without changes or corrections.

Introductions of New Solid Waste Staff

Barb Butler – Talked about information that has been in the newspaper regarding the supervisor change in Billings.

- **Agenda Items From Previous Meeting**
 - ❖ Federal Green House Gas Rule Making Update – Rick Thompson reported that the Feds did not publish the final greenhouse gas rule in March as promised.
 - ❖ SWAC Vacancies – Rick Thompson
 - Brian Hohn, Manager of Broadwater Solid Waste was selected to represent Small Western Class II Landfills.
 - Kelly Logan, former Richland County Sanitarian and currently serving on Richland County Solid Waste Board was selected to represent Small Eastern Class II Landfills.
 - ❖ Upcoming Solid Waste Training - Spring and Fall 2015 – Fred Collins
 - Fred talked about the upcoming MOLO training in May in Kalispell, and the Compost training in June in Missoula. He urged those in attendance who are planning on attending either training to register early as space will be limited.
- **Solid Waste Program Update**
 - ❖ Licensing – Mary Hendrickson
 - Mary stated that almost all licensed facilities had submitted their renewal applications on-time this year. Mary informed the SWAC that facilities can submit renewals by email, and next year, survey monkey will be used for the waste diversion portion of the renewal.
 - Mary also informed the committee that three new applications were being processed in the second quarter. She mentioned that one of the applications was for an exploration and production waste landfill in the north eastern part of the state.
 - ❖ Inspections – Rick Thompson
 - Rick reported eight Solid Waste and one Septic Pumper Inspection was conducted to-date in the second quarter.
 - ❖ Materials Management – Sandra Boggs
 - Ed talked about the efforts for SMART school, waste diversion in the schools being spearheaded by the Lieutenant Governor, with Sandra Boggs representing DEQ. He also informed the SWAC that Sandra and Dusti will soon take on the licensing of recycling facilities and one time recycling activities.
 - Rick and Sandra informed the SWAC that the best management practice for CRTs is disposal in a Class II landfill. Currently there is only one facility in the country that can properly process CRTs
 - Max Bauer talked about a group called Resource America. They will be working with Opportunity Resources Incorporated.
 - ❖ Enforcement - Shasta Steinweden.
 - There was one solid waste Enforcement case in the second quarter. This involved a landfill in eastern Montana.

- **New Agenda Items:**

- ❖ Legislative and Federal Regulatory Update - Ed Thamke
 - SB136 – put a cap on the fees for HW remediation waste.
 - HB434 – Asbestos Bill – established a small project category and authorized the formation an Asbestos Advisory Group (AAG) by the DEQ. Ed and the Asbestos Control Program will be soliciting volunteers to serve on the advisory group. Sherryl Rhys indicated her interest in representing SWAC on the AAG.
 - Federally, there is some movement to update TSCA.
 - EPA published regulations on Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) in December 2014, but Congress has different objectives for Federal and State oversight of CCR. Future Congressional action may overturn some of the provision of the EPA regulations.
 - HB154 – Bill to review income tax credit - vetoed by Governor.
 - SB 171 – Bill to revise taxation of income, including corporate income Tax – vetoed by Governor.
- ❖ Asbestos Inspections at Solid Waste Landfills – Deb Grimm\Ed Thamke
 - Ed talked about the possibility of landfills that asbestos modifying their O&M plans to address the screening of all wastes which may contain asbestos. Example loads containing C&D wastes regardless of the source. Ed explained the DEQ\Asbestos Control and Solid Waste Programs are getting reports that asbestos containing materials were being accepted at landfills without proper inspections and certifications. Hence, jeopardizing worker safety.
- ❖ Tire processing at Solid Waste Landfills – Ed Thamke
 - Ed said his plan for this meeting was to find out who would be interested in a contract tire shredder traveling throughout the state.
 - Ed talked about the possibility of the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act being changed to allow for the funding of “other” motor vehicle related recycling projects such tire shredding at landfills.
 - He asked the SWAC to also consider options for the use of excess Junk Vehicle Program revenue, or other state funding to manage tires at solid waste landfills.
 - There was a lot of discussion of the best approach to disposing of tires. Sherryl, Clay Vincent, and Brian Hohn expressed interest in a contract shredder. Ed stated that if there is the interest, he would be reviewing the Motor Recycling budget on April 17, 2015.
 - Barb Butler informed the SWAC that the City of Billings had purchased a shredder for tires and mattresses.
- ❖ New SW License Application Process
 - Rick informed the SWAC that the format for environmental assessments (EA) will be modified to provide better opportunity for public participation. He said draft EAs will be published and

substantive public comments incorporated into final EAs prior to the issuance of new facility licenses.

- **Round Robin Discussion**

- Jim Simon talked about upcoming training for his staff on how to identify a material when you have no idea about what is in a container. Jim will have more information at the next SWAC meeting.
- Dave Duffy – Substantial wind-blown garbage at his facility – extra effort at litter picking.
- Max Bauer – Question regarding North Dakota’s future change in acceptance limits for NORM E&P Wastes. This could have an impact on our E&P waste facilities.
- Mark Nelson – All of the litter on the front side of the transfer station has been removed. Rick asked Mark for a status update on the sawdust pile at the transfer station. Mark said they were still getting a lot of kiln dried wood and looking for an alternative to burning it.
- Barb Butler – Purchased a shredder and it has been very helpful. They still have piles of wood waste. They have submitted their landfill expansion application.
- Clay Vincent – Talked about litter and wind issues at his facility.
- Joe Aline – Wind is good for the land farm. A lot of recycling.
- Matt Elsaesser – Travelling around the state promoting Montana Recycle. Montana Recycle is working at getting their website back up and running. Working to defend the tax credits and trying to get good economic information with regards to the benefits of recycling.
- Mary Hendrickson stated that the SWP is updating their “Who Accepts What Waste” link on the SWP webpage.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Federal Green House Gas Rule Making Update
- Asbestos Advisory Council
- Proposed Asbestos Inspections
- Solid Waste Section Update
 - I. Licensing – Mary Hendrickson
 - II. Inspections – Rick Thompson
 - III. Materials Management – Sandra Boggs
 - IV. Enforcement - Shasta Steinweden.
- Data Search Tools (DST)

- **Meeting Date – July 9, 2015, in Room 111 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**
 - Picnic will be from 12 – 1 on the east side patio.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:p.m.