

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 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  
Rick Thompson - DEQ Solid Waste Section  
Roger Bridgeford – Montana Waste Systems  
Dave Duffy – Tri- County Disposal  
Jim Simon – Gallatin County Solid Waste  
Brian Hohn – Broadwater County Solid Waste

### **Committee Members not in attendance:**

Small Eastern Montana Class II Landfill representative – currently vacant.

### **Others in attendance:**

Barry Damschen - Barry Damschen Consulting  
Brady Christensen - DEQ Materials Management Program  
Dusti Johnson - DEQ Materials Management Program  
Julie Ackerlund - DEQ Air Quality Bureau - Planner  
Fred Collins - DEQ Solid Waste Program  
Andrea Staley – DEQ Solid Waste Section  
Emily Ewart - DEQ WUTMB Rule Coordinator  
Glen Rafish – Butte-Silver Bow County Landfill  
Grant Rodway – DEQ Air Quality Bureau - Specialist  
David Seeberger - Republic Services  
Chad Bauer – Republic Services  
Jake Paetsch – Republic Services  
Mary Hendrickson - DEQ Solid Waste Section  
Deb Grimm – DEQ Asbestos Control Program  
Katie Gallagher  
Greg Wennerberg – Montana Waste Systems  
Candice Bell – Jefferson County Solid Waste  
Dianna Robinson – DEQ Materials Management Program  
Stephanie Beckert – Great West Engineering  
Vanessa Armstrong – Pioneer Technical  
Matt Elsaesser – Helena Industries

- **Meeting Called to Order at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no changes
- **Introductions**
- **Agenda Items From Previous Meeting**
  - Landfill Emission Guidelines & New Source Performance Standard Rules - Julie Ackerlund AQB
    - EPA finalized air quality rules for landfills
    - Existing sources fall under emission guidelines subpart CF
    - Rules will be adopted through rulemaking sources in Montana through incorporation by reference and will be finalized on July 1 2017
    - Hoping to adopt rules at board meeting at end of March
    - Also working on state plan which includes enforcement of rules
    - For EPA all landfills in MT will need to be documented
    - Review & get input on the timeframe handout When a certain emissions threshold is met a gas collection and control system has to be installed (see handout). The facility will submit a design plan, establish a start date for: the contract to install control systems, to start construction, and that construction ends. Input regarding whether or not 15 or 18 month is required to award the contract for installation is requested.
      1. The consensus is that 18 months is the best amount of time
- **Solid Waste Section Updates**
  - Licensing – Rick Thompson/Mary Hendrickson
    - Solid waste license renewal coming up
    - Forms will be prepopulated again, but requesting additional information/updates.
    - Waste diversion survey will be included.
    - Public meeting for the proposed City of Billings landfill expansion was held. Comment period ends Jan 30.
    - Program is working on the EA for the proposed Yellowstone Disposal Facility and hoping to get that published by end of next week.
    - Program received an application from NMJRDD for expansion of their facility boundary.
    - Program will begin scoping new/existing facility applications to request public comments prior to EA development.
  - Inspections – Rick Thompson
    - Only a few done, approximately x 10 in Dec
    - Continue to have high compliance rates
  - Materials Management – Brady Christensen
    - Sent out 149 invoices/renewals - 3 withdrew, 2 will be denied, 144 will be issued

- Recycle MT was held event at Capitol. Ft. Benton recyclers won recycler of the year
  - Beginning to perform inspections.
  - Dianna Robinson, the new Materials Management Specialist, introduced herself
- Enforcement - Mike Rieger
  - 12 new complaints, 3 for JV and 9 for solid waste
  - No new enforcements
- Rules Update – Emily Ewart
  - Filed landfarm and composting rules on Dec 27
  - Some changes are: to allow butchers to compost waste, and to allow small composters to compost food wastes
  - Public hearing Jan 27, she will be receiving public comments and feedback via email or at the hearing
  - Landfarm rules are going to a single flat fee
  - She is drafting TENORM rules and hoping to have the draft out in March or April
  - There's an amendment to CCR rule, which doesn't really affect landfills
- Legislative update
  - Hearing and committee for HB152 will be next Monday, for counties to save 10% of their funds into a capital improvement fund with specific designations regarding how to spend it and a cap on how much money can be saved
- **Agenda Items From Previous Meeting**
  - SWAC & DEQ Vacancies\Staff Changes – Rick Thompson
    - Still short an eastern Montana small landfill representative
    - No staff changes planned for immediate future
  - Solid Waste Training Update – Fred Collins
    - Fire Safety and HAZWOPER training will happen in March in Great Falls.
    - April training – Personnel Management and Accountability
    - Special waste training in Miles City, Lewistown, or Sidney in May
    - Compliance Inspections/O&M training in June in Helena.
    - Environmental conference at end of August or early September, hoping to do MOLO (Manager of Landfill Operations) training at this time
    - Mary noted that part of renewals is feedback on what kind of training you might want, please provide this feedback with your renewal
    - Is 8 weeks sufficient notice for trainings, or is more time needed? Response: 8 weeks sounds good

- All the trainings will be posted on the DEQ website
- Asbestos Advisory Group Recommendation – Deb Grimm\Barb Butler
  - Kudos to Barb for being such a great SWAC representative
  - The advisory group came up with nine recommendations
  - If you have concerns, show up or call in the first Wednesday of the month
  - Barb thinks there may be some confusion regarding the nine recommendations; would they be presented to legislature, they will not. Tom Livers reviewed them, and they will become part of the Asbestos Program business plan
  - Input on how to prioritize the recommendations was asked for
  - The recommendations are on the website
- Matt Elsasser gave a presentation on Helena Industries Big Sky e-Recycling

### **Round Robin Discussion**

- Starting Feb 1 Gallatin County will be working with Helena Industries for e-waste
  - Dave Duffy said Valleyview Landfill is close to finishing cell expansion construction, Stephanie's almost finished with the C&D unit. John Hilton who owns Helena Recycling LLC is going to take recyclables from Broadwater and Jefferson counties, and the Helena area
  - US Highway 12 is no longer accepting semis (Republic Services) so no waste from Idaho is coming and probably won't until May
  - Roger – nothing new on his end
  - Barry – submitted application for northern MT landfill to about triple size of it
  - Grant – is working with facilities that are affected by changes to air rules. Please contact him with any questions
  - Candice Bell said that Jefferson County burned yard waste due to lack of other options. At Whitehall, site burned 6,000 cubic yards yesterday; they can't afford a chipper. Development and the subsequent fire mitigation practices are overloading the facility (parcels are 4-5 acres). She asks if there's a mobile chipper available to them, or any ideas for assistance.
  - The recycling center in Missoula is going to replace their baler
  - Rick said that the majority of public comments received to date were in regards to windblown litter. Also, sustainability and recycling come up; public wants the City to provide recycling.
- **Agenda items for next meeting**
    - Legislative update
    - Training updates
    - Touch base with Air Quality Bureau - Grant or Julie will give an update
    - Wood chipper and how to fund it (for Candice/Jefferson county)
    - Dusti – tire shredding

- Emily rules update on landfarm, compost, and TENORM
- April 6, 2017 will be the next SWAC meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 2:51