

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 6, 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
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
Rick Thompson - DEQ Solid Waste Section

Others in attendance:

Barry Damschen - Barry Damschen Consulting
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 or corrections
- **Introductions**
 - Farewell to Clay Vincent who is retiring
 - Amy Ferguson is taking Clay's place in Hill County.
- **Agenda Items From Previous Meeting**
 - Solid Waste Training Update – Fred Collins
 - 24-hour HAZWOPER training conducted in Great Falls with Tony Olson. Training went very well with high ratings from attendees.
 - Fire Safety Training conducted by Neil Bolton after HAZWOPER training. Training at High Plains Landfill using drone to identify hot spots. Attendees then received brief training on use of extinguishers.
 - Personnel Management and Accountability training will be conducted in May 10-11.
 - Special Wastes training will be held in Miles City on May 23-24.
 - Compliance Inspections and O&M Training planned for June 13-14 in Helena. Training consists of one day in the classroom and one day at the landfill. This is for those that were unable to attend last year when it was held in Miles City. Training will go over O&M requirements and how/why compliance and engineering inspections are conducted.
 - MOLO is planned for the week of Sept 11th in Missoula. Neil Bolton will be conducting the training.
 - Landfill Efficiency Training planned for early October.
 - Landfill Emission Guidelines & New Performance Standard – Rule Making Update – Julie Ackerlund ARMB
 - Rulemaking for emission guidelines and performance standards are currently on hold. ARMB did not go before the Board of Environmental Review in March and they probably won't in June either.
 - Question: current administration mentioned nmoc's, have they been mentioned for solid waste? Answer: unsure
- **Solid Waste Section Updates**
 - Licensing – Mary Hendrickson
 - FY18 License Renewals are coming in.
 - The EA for the proposed Yellowstone Disposal Facility in Sidney is in review.
 - Proposed NMJRRD landfill expansion application is being reviewed.
 - Currently have 5 EA's in the queue.
 - Staff working on the response to comments for the proposed City of Billings Landfill expansion; we would like to have this done by end of April – comments will be responded to and substantive issues in the EA addressed.

Any changes based on comments will be written into the EA.

- After comments have been responded to, the public could then appeal DEQ's decision.
- Approximately 30 SW and STP inspections have been performed so far this year. The program goal is to have every Class II facility inspected before the end of June. One facility has needed extra attention

➤ Materials Management – Dusti Johnson

- JV EA being finalized for Sheridan County
- JV Staff will be performing audits
- Earth Day is coming up and DEQ will participate in the events at Skateboard Park this year; a skateboard will be raffled.
- Launching “Newsletter Live” online. It will include information on national and local markets and events. It won't be sent to people, but can be accessed on DEQ's website and Facebook page.
- A new plastics recycler may come to Montana, although we are unsure which plastics will be accepted at this time, but will likely start with post-consumer material coming from a processing plant.
- Working on a recycling license for new e-waste collector in Missoula - Oreo Refining.
- Q: Will newsletter have webinar and other means of communicating links and things of interest?
A: Recycle Montana wanted to take over the educational component, that's why DEQ stepped back. Candi Zion is the contact person with Recycle Montana, and requests questions or should be direct to her.
- Q: Does DEQ have recycling bins in schools?
A: No, but the Materials Management Program provides assistance to schools. From past experience, the bins that were provided disappeared or were appropriated for other things.
- Q: Does DEQ still have clear stream recycling bins for special events?
A: Yes. Information about borrowing them is on the recyclemt.gov website or you can contact the Materials Management Program.

➤ Enforcement - Mike Rieger

- 30 total complaints were received this quarter. Of them, 14 were related to Asbestos, 4 for Septic Pumps, and 12 for Solid Waste.
- SWAC would like to hear how many SW complaints were made about licensed vs unlicensed facilities

- Enforcement is still working on a complaint with a tire handler in Radersburg. The RP stores and sells tires, but he is now not allowed to bring waste tires onto his property. The RP is currently working to remove waste tires stored on his property.
- **New Agenda Items**
 - Rules Update – Compost, Landfarm, TENORM - Emily Ewart
 - The new Landfarm and Compost rules have been finalized and became effective on February 9, 2017.
 - DEQ received no comments.
 - The proposed TENORM rules have been sent to legal for review. Once approved internally, they will be filed with Secretary of State's office and the public will be notified.
 - We will be reviewing fee rules for landfarms as a result of the new Landfarm rules.
 - If you have comments, please advise Emily, Mary or Rick.
 - Legislative Update – Ed Thamke
 - Kind of a slow year, with fewer bills coming out of both chambers.
 - Senate side – 377 bills came out
 - Tracking JV – a bill went to the legislature that allows counties to deposit remaining grant monies into a capital improvement fund (which has specific spending requirements, which were debated) This was signed and will go into effect at the end of March
 - An HJ bill that wanted to evaluate MT's HW response, bill was tabled as we already do this
 - Some funding bills came up that the WUTMB has had to respond to (what the fiscal effect would be). A license plate fee would have reduced revenues for our bureau
 - HB 648, proposes to transfers 2 million dollars from the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Special revenue account account to the natural resources operations state special revenue account. This transfer was absorbed by the bureau with no impact.
 - Interim study of methamphetamine use on state agencies
 - Resolution on aluminum can recycling
 - Lots of remediation bills associated with coal fired generators
 - There is a bill that would create long term help with Libby
 - Elimination of the Board of Environmental Review (BER) is being considered. The BER reviews the Solid Waste Program fee structure & grants or denies fee increases. The BER also review rules for the other areas of DEQ.

- Leftovers from other sessions – Asbestos Advisory Group recommendations, & the Integrated Waste Management Plan update which Dianna Robinson will complete in 2018.
 - Update on progress of the Solid Waste Section Data Search Tools (DST) – Ron Hoyt
 - Ron gave a demonstration of the DST and indicated that only the JV program is done at this time. Interested persons can search counties by facility; results in name, address, and contact information for the facility. Some additional detail will be available including the lat/long location and permit information.
 - Ron asked for feedback on what additional data people would like to see; response was that it would be helpful to have the facility phone numbers
 - Regarding the DST for solid waste facilities, there is currently a map with facilities on it, but the exact coordinates and additional information has not been finalized yet.
- **Round Robin Discussion**
 - Joe Shumaker – sage grouse
 - Dave Duffy – Valley View landfill is working with Great West Engineering on expansion application
 - Roger Bridgeford – Montana Waste Systems has been working on trying to manage asbestos regulations. A meeting will be held on the 17th at DEQ & they are hoping to find common ground amongst all the regulations
 - Clay Vincent – Talked about problems at container sites. Unified Disposal District had a barrel of blue material dumped at container site, and it was kicked over. Outside of barrel said it was herbicide fungicide “Araxel”, which is red, not blue. A sample was sent to Energy Lab, but they needed to be told exactly what to test for. Additional items to test for were identified, but the lab doesn’t test for those so finally it was suggested to spread the substance out in a field, allowing the sun and natural elements to break the substance down.
 - Bob Church Q: MACO/DLI have been performing transfer station/container site inspections and making recommendations for barriers, yet they don’t have guidelines.
Mark Nelson A: Some landfills seem covered despite codes. Codes need to be met to be insured by MACO.
 - A motion was made and passed to replace Clay Vincent with Amy Ferguson as a SWAC member.
 - Mark Nelson - Lake County closure looks good, their infiltration problem has been resolved.
 - Jim Simon - Gallatin County is really busy, with lots of ongoing construction.
- **Agenda items for next meeting**

➤ None

- July 6, 2017 will be the next SWAC meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 3:02