

# Quarterly ACP Hybrid Stakeholder Meeting

## March 15, 2022 | 2:00 – 4 pm via ZOOM and In-Person

### Meeting Summary

*Prepared by Rebecca Meyers*

#### Attendees

Denise Brunett, DEQ Staff  
Kevin Stone, DEQ Staff  
Andy Ulven, DEQ Staff  
Amanda Allen, DEQ Staff  
Cassie Mann, DEQ Staff  
Greg Kurvink, DEQ Staff  
Travis Biedermann, DEQ Staff  
Jessica Smith, DEQ Staff  
Chad Anderson, DEQ Staff  
John Podolinsky, DEQ Staff

John Benoit, DEQ Staff  
Jenny Chambers, DEQ Staff  
Bill Kraemer  
Bruce Kirby  
Bryan Allkire  
Tasha Neil  
Tim Jacobsen  
Mark Nelson

Scott Vosen  
Mark Oliver  
Chris Hust  
David Seeberger  
Representative Ken  
Holmlund, Miles City  
Rebecca Meyers,  
Consultant/Facilitator

#### Agenda Items

##### Welcome and Introductions – *Rebecca Meyers and Denise Brunett*

- Travis Biedermann recently joined DEQ Staff in January 2022.
- Representative Holmlund provided an update at the Montana Association of Counties conference in Billings. Representative Holmlund and Director Dorrington presented to the full membership about asbestos risks, concerns, and history.
  - Representative Holmlund discussed his goals related to diminishing risk to exposure.
  - Representative Holmlund spoke of creating a one-page inspection checklist.
  - Representative Holmlund indicated the interest of other representatives who will continue his asbestos awareness efforts after his departure.
  - Commissioners were responsive to the presentation, asking several questions about legislative involvement.
  - Representative Holmlund is working with legislators in crafting bill language to address these concerns.
- Past minutes can be found [here](#).

##### AAG Recommendations and Updates – *Denise Brunett*

- Rule changes are slated for implementation July 2023.
- Next month ACP plans to share draft rule changes before their legal team.
- ACP “swag” has been updated to include new processes regarding risks and indicators of asbestos.
- ACP has been working to raise statewide awareness of what to do when asbestos is found. Global Asbestos Awareness Week (GAAW) is April 1-April 7
- ACP is working towards increased compliance assistance and is working on increasing permit rate of asbestos abatement project.

### **Composite Determination – *Greg Kurvink***

- In response to stakeholders, ACP staff is preparing a guidance document on “composite reporting” and is seeking legal review. Greg hopes to have an update for the next meeting.

### **Solid Waste Program Updates – *Andy Ulven***

- Andy spoke about ACP and Solid Waste collaboration.
- Staff from ACP have been accompanying SW staff on landfill inspections as part of the cross-program effort.
- Andy is tracking feedback and questions provided during inspections and is working with his team to develop checklists, training for landfill operators, and working to provide reviews for landfill operators.
- Fred is hoping to host a training this summer, 2022, and will share an update at the next meeting.
  - Training would include NESHAP overview, ARM overview, identification, etc.
- Commercial C & D loads should be accompanied with an inspection report, and this is done for the most part, but the system is not perfect.
  - SWP and ACP are taking what we have learned from recent inspections and other collaborative efforts to produce quick reference guides and trainings tailored to gate attendants while also recommending an OSHA competent person (contract/supervisor) is on staff, which some major Class II landfills already have.
  - In some cases, Operation & Maintenance plans may need to be updated.
- A benefit of visiting landfills for ACP has been the ability to gain a more complete understanding of the landfill process.
- Most landfills have a Competent Person (asbestos contractor/supervisor) onsite to handle situations or respond to an incident.
- Streamlining information and providing a checklist has proven helpful and Andy is receiving great feedback.

### **Regulatory Reform Initiative – *Denise Brunett***

- 1-2021 created by the Red Tape Relief Advisory Council tasked with implementing regulatory reform. The order recognized that excessive, outdated, and unnecessary regulations cause great economic harm to the people and businesses of Montana while also reducing the efficiency of government operations.
- DEQ as a whole is responsible for (direct) or has a role in (indirect) 1,136 statutes and another 1,623 rules.
- This process is expected to last over several years.
- The methamphetamine rule review was filed with the Secretary of State on March 15, 2022 and given the go ahead from the Governor’s office.

### **Public Comment**

- Attendee asked if approved asbestos project permits or asbestos material information can be acquired online. Cassie Mann was able to demonstrate where to find this and upcoming changes to this section of the website.

- There is a need to have the data included to see what was permitted previously.
- IT is currently working on fixing permits not correctly populating on the website.
- DEQ will be working with media and reporters the first week of April for Global Asbestos Awareness Week.

### **Next Steps**

Potential agenda items for June meeting:

- Website review and update (permit site).
- Fred Collins will provide a landfill training update.
- The program is seeking to expand outreach efforts and will be attending the building code conference at the end of March. The Asbestos Awareness presentation will be a collaboration between Department of Labor, Department of Public Health and Human Services, ACP, and Asbestos Stakeholder Representative Ken Holmlund. Cassie can provide an update on outreach and awareness.
- Update on ACP Composite Determination.
- Update on ACP Technical rule amendment, dependent upon where rules are in process.

**Tentative Next Date: June 14, 2022 in person or via Zoom at 2pm**