

## **HYBRID QUARTERLY ACP STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

### MEETING MINUTES

**March 7, 2023**

MT DEQ / Lee Metcalf Building-1520 E 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Conference Room 111 & ZOOM

#### **Attendees (in-person):**

Rick Thompson, Waste Management Bureau, Bureau Chief (DEQ)  
Denise A. Kirkpatrick, Hazardous Material Section Supervisor (DEQ)  
Greg Kurvink, Asbestos-Meth Environmental Specialist (DEQ)  
Deb Sutliff, Division Records & Information Management Coordinator (DEQ)  
Travis Biedermann, Asbestos-Meth Environmental Specialist (DEQ)  
Amanda Allen, Data Control Specialist (DEQ)

#### **Attendees (on-line):**

Nick Whitaker, Program Attorney (DEQ)  
Kevin Stone, Public Information Officer (DEQ)  
John Benoit, WMR Rule Coordinator (DEQ)  
Sarah Seitz (DEQ)  
Jacqueline Shaver, Bureau of Reclamation  
Rob Brown  
Mathew T.  
Margaret Peggy  
Bret Ketchum, Husky Energy  
Tasha Neil

#### **Welcome Stakeholders:**

Ms. Kirkpatrick introduced herself and opened the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

#### **Update from the Asbestos Control Program (ACP)**

Ms. Kirkpatrick updated Stakeholders about ACP's open positions. Ms. Kirkpatrick reported that solicitation for the ACP's open environmental science specialist positions was unsuccessful. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will advertise the positions again in April/May 2023.

Ms. Kirkpatrick introduced Mr. Kurvink and his presentation regarding compositing. Mr. Kurvink presented material regarding composite reporting and how it relates to current analytical methods. It was discussed how the rule amendment might impact Stakeholders if the administrative rules are changed. [Compositing PowerPoint Presentation is available at this [link](#).]

Ms. Kirkpatrick requested questions or comments on the presentation from Stakeholders. No comments were heard.

### **Future Stakeholder, Outreach on Proposed Rule Amendments**

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that Mr. Kurvink's presentation topic was one component of ACP's proposed rule amendments. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated the draft rules would be provided soon to DEQ management for review and comment.

Ms. Kirkpatrick suggested submitting that informal draft to Stakeholders for review and holding at least two listening sessions on questions, comments, concerns on the informal draft. The tentative time schedule proposed was to provide Stakeholders an informal draft in early May. Two meetings would be held in mid to late May. Meetings may move into June, if needed. Ms. Kirkpatrick paused the meeting for any questions, thoughts, or concerns from members regarding the proposed schedule. No comments or concerns were presented by attendees.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated ACP wanted to gather stakeholder thoughts and comments because ACP values Stakeholders' opinion. ACP intends to address Stakeholder comments and concerns, as much as possible, before submitting the proposed rules formally to the Secretary of State. Once the rules begin the formal process there will be a formal hearing and public comment. ACP will respond in writing to written comments. Mr. Kirkpatrick hopes to begin the formal rule amendment process around August. If all goes well, ACP will have new amended rules towards the beginning of 2024.

Ms. Kirkpatrick asked for questions or comments from members; none were heard. Mr. Kurvink added that ACP wants to encourage Stakeholders to please provide topics. ACP wants to know what interests Stakeholders, for example: if there is a determination to review, or speak to a rule that is silent, a situation that should be worked through, or if the ACP needs to just recap previous work that's been presented.

Ms. Kirkpatrick asked for comments from the Waste Management Bureau Chief, Rick Thompson; Mr. Thompson stated that he concurred Mr. Kurvink's appeal for topics and encouraged Stakeholder involvement. ACP wants the Stakeholder meetings to be meaningful. Mr. Thompson would like discussions that improve ACP's implementation of rules and improve ACP.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Kirkpatrick asked members for questions or comments; none were heard.

**Adjourn**

Ms. Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

May 31, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 111 or Zoom