MEETING MINUTES SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE September 1, 2005

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, September 1, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., in the Building D Training Room, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Witherspoon, Chair. In attendance were Mark Witherspoon, Jack Jones, Sid Fitzgerald, Micci Findley, Roger Davis, Elizabeth Hoover, Phyllis Bone, Larry Oden, Steve Martin, Anne Weinstein, and Jane Schwartz.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mark Witherspoon asked Gary Oden to give a report on the hiring of new instructors at the Arkansas Environmental Academy. Gary Oden stated that in addition to hiring Phyllis Bone as the Solid Waste Coordinator, a new Water and Wastewater instructor had been hired. He said that it was the Academy's goal to offer college credits for solid waste classes.

Mark Witherspoon reminded the Committee that three position vacancies needed to be filled. The positions were vacated by Jim Bailey, representing the Arkansas Environmental Academy, Steve McGuire, represented the Regional Solid Waste Management Districts, and Phyllis Bone, who was the representative of a municipality operating a sanitary landfill.

Elizabeth Hoover stated that the Nominating Committee met and agreed to recommend to the Committee: Jorge Cirnigliaro from the City of Little Rock and David Rose from the City of Hope for the municipal landfill vacancy; Ron Smith from the West River Valley RSWMD, Jim Goble from the Pulaski Inter-District RSWMD, and Guy Enchelmayer from the Craighead County RSWMD for the Regional Solid Waste Management District position; and Phyllis Bone from the Arkansas Environmental Academy for the educational institution position.

After much discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to nominate and rank David Rose as first choice and Jorge Cirnigliaro as second choice for the City landfill position.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to nominate Guy Enchelmayer as the first choice, Ron Smith as the second choice, and Jim Goble as the third choice for Regional Solid Waste Management District representative.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to nominate Phyllis Bone for the educational institution position.

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Steve Martin reported on the status of the revision to Regulation 27. Anne Weinstein summed up some of the changes in the language of the draft. There was much discussion on the draft wording and the role, powers, and duties of the Committee. Steve Martin explained some of the problems encountered in the past with the lack of due process. A discussion followed. Anne Weinstein stated that she would work on the language and e-mail out to the Committee members for review prior to September 15. After review, it was suggested that the Chair poll the voting members to determine if a meeting was needed on September 15. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Mark Witherspoon be authorized to poll the voting Committee members, and if there is a consensus, that he be allowed to speak on behalf of the Committee to advise the Department to move forward with Regulation 27.

Making changes on the inspection forms came out of the Regulation 27 discussion as being a main role in the process. Steve Martin stated that the inspection forms are geared to Regulation 22, and he suggested that they be geared to Regulation 27. It was decided that changes be made on the forms and to discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

The next regular meeting was set for Thursday, October 20, at 10:00 am, in the Building D Training Room, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark Witherspoon, Chair