MEETING MINUTES SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE October 20, 2005

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, October 20, 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 Jack Jones, Steve Martin, Roger Davis, Mark Witherspoon, Elizabeth Hoover, Micci Finley, Phyllis Bone, Sid Fitzgerald, Anne Weinstein, Harry Elliott, Gary Oden, and Jane Schwartz. Not in attendance was Jim Willits.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mark Witherspoon opened the floor to Steve Martin, Chief of Solid Waste, to discuss the language in Regulation 27. Steve Martin reviewed the language with the assistance of Anne Weinstein. Steve stated that Reg. 27.202 mirrored the legislation and suggested a guidance subcommittee be set up to form the guidelines.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the subcommittee advise the full committee.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the changes to (A), (B), and (C) presented at the meeting and approve Regulation 27.202 as stated without (D). Discussion followed forming the subcommittees to carry out the guidelines. Harry Elliott reported that Class I citations are true to the new Regulation. There was a discussion on the procedures of inspection forms and complaint letters involving the field inspectors.

Mark Witherspoon, closed the meeting by summarizing and listing the three subcommittees formed to address specific items as follows:

1) The first subcommittee is to address the internal committee procedures for handling license related investigations. The entire group addressed this issue at the July meeting. Steve Martin offered the assistance of his staff in the development of these procedures. This committee consists of:

Mark Witherspoon – Chair Jack Jones Phyllis Bone Harry Elliot Elizabeth Hoover Susan Speake 2) The second subcommittee is to address the implementation of curriculum and testing reforms that were discussed at the meeting. More specifically, the goal is to have curriculum that addresses the needs of individual operators and corresponding testing that reflects what is being taught. The subcommittee is not responsible for coming up with curriculum or tests, but rather coming up with a strategy to implement needed changes in these areas. This subcommittee consists of:

Phyllis Bone - Chair Roger Davis Micci Fendley Sid Fitzgerald

3) The third subcommittee is to address a uniform enforcement policy for evaluating facilities subject to Regulation 27. More specifically, the some Committee members felt that current enforcement and facility evaluation procedures are not uniform across the state. This results in some facilities that are strenuously evaluated while other facilities do not maintain licensed operators.

Micci Fendley- Chair Harry Elliot (and other ADEQ enforcement personnel as designated by Harry) Phyllis Bone Jack Jones Sid Fitzgerald

The individuals that are identified as the "Chair" of the subcommittees are responsible for organizing their respective subcommittees to address their issues. Meetings may be required in some cases.

The next meeting date was set for February 2, 2006. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark Witherspoon, Chair