

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2016

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Wednesday May 20, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 1E09 of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Headquarters, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Neil Washburn, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Neil Washburn, Angela Sparks, Warren Atkins, Gussie Robinson, William Wright, Susan Speake, Bill Burroughs, Randy Harper, and Rickey Cole. Others in attendance included Jane Schwartz and special guest, Wendy Cravens, Director of Benton Co. Solid Waste District. Rosemary Rogers, Ken Nutt and Phillip Davis were absent.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

Susan Speake gave a report on the Department, saying that a Public Hearing was going to be held on June 8th, to authorize the Director of ADEQ to waive licensure requirements for operators of Solid Waste Management Facilities; to authorize the Director to withdraw licensure waivers for just cause. She also reported on the status of the license renewals at this time. In addition there were questions from some members on the reorganization at ADEQ.

Randy Harper said OSHA training was now available at the Academy, and, in the absence of Kenny Nutt, Rickey Cole was giving his report. Rickey said that for the 4th quarter April 1, 2016 through June, 2016, there were 19 classes taught, with 247 students attending, totaling 235 hours of training. For the year July 1, 2015 through June, 2016, there were 75 classes taught, with 878 students attending, totaling 975 hours of training.

Wendy Cravens, a representative of the SWANA Alliance of Arkansas met with some members at the SWANA Chapter meeting in Little Rock, and discussed questions and training books for operators in solid waste licensing. They said they would sum up their questions and provide the committee with specific questions about that part of the testing. There was a discussion on testing in regard to various types of facilities.

There was a concern raised by some of the instructors that questions on tests given by ADEQ were not covered in the class curriculum or text book. Randy Harper and Susan Speake agreed to meet in the next month to review test questions and text books in an effort to make them more compatible with each other.

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Bill Burroughs commented that if classes are updated in the future, they should focus more on what operators do at their respective facilities. He also commented that some training should emphasize facility operating plans.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 10:30 a.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Neil Washburn, Chairman