MEETING MINUTES SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE June 10, 2005

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

The meeting was called to order by Jim Willits, Chair. In attendance were Jim Willits, Jack Jones, Mark Witherspoon, Micci Fendley, Elizabeth Hoover, Phyllis Bone, Steve Martin, Teresa Bechtel, and Jane Schwartz. Sid Fitzgerald, Roger Davis, and Steve McGuire were absent from the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Mark Witherspoon to step up from Vice Chair to Chair and to elect Micci Fendley to backfill the Vice Chair position. Additional discussion was held regarding the membership vacancies and member absenteeism.

Steve Martin introduced Teresa Bechtel of the Solid Waste Division staff who addressed the group regarding statewide changes for committee member stipends and reimbursements.

Steve Martin gave a brief summary of the newly passed legislation. He stressed that an amendment of Regulation 27 would need to be presented to the Commission by October 9, 2005. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint a subcommittee to meet on the needed changes. A subcommittee meeting date was set for July 6, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. in the Building D Training Room.

Elizabeth Hoover brought up for discussion the length of hours for the six hour classes. After much discussion, it was decided for the length of classes to remain at six hours. The cut-off date for six hour classes was also discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to recommend the Department change the cut-off date for the six hour classes to the second Saturday in May and not have any classes approved for the month of June.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., in the Building D Training Room, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark Witherspoon, Chair