

SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2007

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in the Building D Training Room, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

The meeting was called to order by Micci Fendley, Chair, who called the roll. Members present included Jack Jones, Sid Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Hoover, Phyllis Bone, Roger Davis, Guy Enchelmayer, David Rose, Jim Willits, and Mark Witherspoon. Others in attendance included Gary Oden, Deborah Pitts, and Anne Weinstein.

The minutes were read and approved.

Micci Fendley opened the discussion on inspectors checking operator licenses when they perform inspections and the weight assigned to violations. Mark Witherspoon stated that this topic had been on the agenda for sometime, and it needed to be resolved. Elizabeth Hoover stated that Steve Martin was unable to attend the meeting to address this issue, but would try to attend the next meeting. After much discussion, motion was made, seconded, and passed to table this item until the next meeting to give Steve Martin an opportunity to address the group.

Mark Witherspoon brought up the topic of the disclosure statements that the Department mailed out to all of the facilities for operators to complete and return. He said that he had heard from a number of the industrial facilities, and they were upset over having to have their operators complete the forms. Elizabeth Hoover explained that state law required anyone that was applying for a license to complete and submit a disclosure statement along with their application for a license. She stated that in the past, Solid Waste Licensing had not been requiring disclosure statements, but that we had been told to implement the requirement. Elizabeth further stated that the Department had sent a letter to each facility with copies of the new disclosure statement requesting that facilities have one of the forms completed and returned by each operator. A discussion followed on the exemptions. Elizabeth said that a follow-up letter was mailed to the facilities to clarify who was exempt. Deborah Pitts added to the discussion on the disclosure statements.

Elizabeth Hoover stated that the legislature passed changes during the session to amend the stipend law. She explained that members would be eligible to receive stipends for attended meetings, examinations, evaluations, inspections, or for any day while performing any proper business of the Committee.

Micci Fendley asked if any subcommittee meetings had been held since the last Solid Waste Licensing Committee meeting. There were no responses regarding meetings held, so she stated that the discussion would be moved to the next meeting date.

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Micci Fendley stated that the Committee members needed to begin thinking of good nominees for the 2007 McClendon Award. A discussion followed on when and where to give the next award. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to make the next award presentation at the AEF Convention in Hot Springs in October.

Micci Fendley tentatively set the next meeting date for either June 14 or June 21 in the Building D Training Room. Elizabeth Hoover stated that she would check on the room availability.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Emma L. "Micci" Fendley, Chair