

DRAFT
HAZARDOUS WASTE USER CHARGE (HWUC)
STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP MEETING SUMMARY

March 8, 2012

Meeting Time and Location: 2:00-4:30 p.m.,
Rachel Carson Conference Room, Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan

Meeting Attendees: 13 stakeholders at table; 2 stakeholders on the telephone (Chem Council, Gage); and 5 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Resource Management Division (RMD), staff at the table and 1 staff on the telephone.

Members received handouts: History by Program Element; Efficiencies and Reductions Implemented; Core Hazardous Waste Management Program Elements; Region V States chart; and Future Hazardous Waste Program Changes.

Liane Shekter Smith, DEQ, RMD welcomed the workgroup around the table as well as via telephone and gave an overview of the agenda for the day's meeting.

Handout FTE: Liane provided explanations of the chart, that zero for SEEPs in 2012 only reflects that they are now included in the other work areas, and that there are two more FTEs not reflected. The FTE count for 2012 will be changed as a new SEEP has recently been hired.

The Workgroup asked for an update on the User Charge invoice mailing. The LQG packages are at the printers and will be mailed in the next few days.

Handout Efficiencies: The group discussed some of the efficiencies and program reductions including e-manifest, microfilming and manifest record retention, reduction of sampling budget, data entry contract, staff training and respirator certification and medical monitoring. It was highlighted that Michigan's involvement in federal workgroups and rule development has been seriously reduced.

Handout: Core HW Mgmt Program Elements. Staff gave an overview of how the graph was designed. The new staff timesheet tracking system that began on October 1, 2011. The graph reflects the period of 10/1/11-2/3/12 which is a low period for field work. The tracking will be ongoing.

Handout: Region 5 states plus PA and NY as they are similar to Michigan. The information cannot be certified as totally apples to apples. Staff highlighted a few of the differences. The information is from RCRA Info and the footnotes include important details. The group discussed the handout and found the data interesting.

The draft rules related to the elimination of state waste codes was shared with the group.

There was additional discussion regarding the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) Report and how they relate to the user charge effort. The RMD is committed to responding to the recommendations and some assumptions can be made that would result in changes to the program.

The White Board was used to capture important items that will be used as a basis for the next meeting. Used oil program was discussed.

White Board Items:

Revisit record retention schedule
Eliminate generator submittal of manifests
Eliminate LIW manifest submittal but retain on site
Allow alternate shipping documents for LIW
Allow/encourage electronic submittals – manifests, MOR, environmental monitoring, HWUC invoicing.
Eliminate microfilming of manifests
Used oil – self implementing; limited inspections; need for education
More outreach/education
State waste code review
Rule development/participation on national workgroup efforts
Rule implementation-staff training; outreach to/for regulated community – DSW (the group supports Michigan's involvement on the national scene)
On-going stakeholder involvement
Ask the WDS Wizard tutorial
Need QA/QC of database (more)
IT capability (more)

Compliance history found on WDS would be more valuable if customers could be trained to use it. A suggestion was made for a notation in WDS to reflect the effective date of the WDS data. Staff shared that a future WDS webinar is on the planning board.

Workgroup members will speak with their contacts/staff and add more items for the future program changes list.

The list from today will be shared with members yet this week.

Liane requests that members provide some feedback on inspection items and the permit backlog that the RMD currently experiences.

Question about Clean Corporate Citizen was asked. Liane responded that Senate bills 939-942 are associated with that question. The bills are in committee. Half the inspection frequency, twice the length of a permit, and 15% discount to any bills owed to the agency.

Next meeting is set for March 22, 2012 from 1-4:00 p.m. in the Rachel Carson room, Lansing. Note: Eric Weiss will not be available on March 22, 2012 due to a scheduling conflict.