

SCRAP TIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 11, 2013
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Lansing, Constitution Hall, Atrium North
John McCauley Conference Room

MEETING SUMMARY

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Rhonda Oyer opened the meeting and asked that all participants update their contact information on the STAC appointment list. The room then made introductions of all participants. Rhonda then asked if there were any further comments on the June 19, 2013, minutes. There were none mentioned and minutes will be posted to the STAC webpage

Liz Browne provided an office update. The Legislative updates for tires are moving. She had a meeting with legislative liaison staff on September 11, 2013, for a draft bill. The Director had recycling meeting yesterday, this is a major initiative for the DEQ. The budget for FY 15 for the scrap tire program is stable and good to go.

Steve Sliver thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Rhonda Oyer spoke on the draft legislative changes from STAC. The bill writers have returned a blue back in the September 11th meeting for updates that will need some tweaks. She encouraged participants who have opportunities to speak to legislators to support the bill to please do so. The bill does not yet have a sponsor.

The STAC Appointment list will be sent out after revisions are complete.

Mike Marshall provided a grant update. The FY 13 cleanup grants are finishing up and the Market Development Contracts have been signed. The updates on amounts and PTEs cleaned up this year will be made to the website in early October.

Ann Vogen spoke about the Detroit, Beals site. The offender was sentenced to 6 months in jail, 24 months' probation, community service, and restitution.

Mike Marshall asked for community cleanup day suggestions to keep the events within the grant limits. A number of ideas and issues were discussed.

- ID checks Indiana program is hurt by amnesty day.
- The Program should hold grantees accountable for overages outside what is approved under contract
- This happens all over for all amnesty days and is due to reduced cost. Amnesty days will cause the holding of tires. Three ways to address the issue: 1) hold the line; 2) allow one time overage; 3) legislate fee to remove tire from retailer.
- It happens with dumpsters during cleanups.
- The State should legislate that tires must be left at dealer when purchasing new tires
- General discontent with system.
- 3,000 PTE amount was chosen as it was the average of previous amnesty days.
- St. Joe handles their cleanup well. Make Grantees charge for overages.
- Currently required to do so however they mostly do not.
- City of Warren checks ID.

Rhonda Oyer addressed the 2014 registration packet. There is one major change in that there will be no large mailing of complete packets. A letter will direct applicants to the website for electronic versions.

Gary Melow spoke on renewable energy power generators and the impact on other generators. In 2008, the renewable portfolio standards were adopted:

1. 94 percent in Michigan went to wind
2. Many different items are being revised.
3. Some contracts are coming up for renewal
 - There is some difficulty getting renewable energy contracts for some biomass
 - This may impact the tire program due to a possible reduction in draw of TDF.
 - Contracts are coming in below running cost without the subsidy afforded wind and solar producers.
4. The EPA TDF rule should stay as is.
 - Viking burns 3 million tons of tires and may not be there in 5 years. TDF is 20 percent of the heat input. The Program should call the governor for assistance or TDF will not be around.
 - It was felt that tires are being pulled to Windsor for loss of subsidy

There has been no change in non-hazardous secondary materials rule status.

Mike Marshall addressed Air Quality Division's issues with rubberized asphalt. He has taken the issues to MSU and Michigan Tech for assistance in trying to find a test method that will be

acceptable per AQD requirements but possibly be cheaper than traditional testing. Additional discussion included:

- It was noted that extrapolation for worst-case situation has been acceptable in past. When plant is cleared, they can supply as many projects as they want.
- If plant is changing anything else are they required to test? Is this the case for other modified asphalts? If not the requirement for test on RMA is capricious and arbitrary.
- It was noted that a lot of stuff gets by without being noticed but they are supposed to test. Three 1-hour runs might not be required for testing on RMA.
- Tests are required by AQD if modified content is used.
- CA runs 18 percent RMA max and MI is running lower amounts- impractical to run each mix. More asphalt supply companies may be supplying to industry. Wet mixing equipment is expensive and limited by the market push.

Matt Flechter asked the processors about bicycle tire processing. Information of how to process bike tires was passed on to Flechter for his project. Deerpath is disposing of bicycle tires for free as part of their public relations and these tires probably become TDF. It does not cause problems with the equipment.

Rhonda closed the meeting with no other comments.

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