

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2018**

**The following members were present:**

Michele Nestor, Chair  
Robert Watts, Vice Chair  
Gordon Burgoyne  
James Close  
John Frederick  
Gregg Pearson  
Joseph Reinhart  
Shannon Reiter  
John Vataavuk  
Edward Vogel  
James Welty  
Randall York  
Gerald Zona

**The following members were absent:**

Eli Brill  
Joyce Hatala  
Tanya McCoy-Caretti  
Timothy O'Donnell  
Gary Roberts

**The following guests and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff members were present:**

Dave Allard	DEP Bureau of Radiation Protection (BRP)
Barbara Baker	Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCWMA)/Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP)
David Buzzell	Land Air Water Legal Solutions/Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association (PWIA)
Bob Bylone	Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center (PennRMC)
Timothy Collins	Office of Senator John Yudichak
Mike Crist	Clinton County Solid Waste Authority/PROP
Susan Despot	DEP Office of Chief Counsel
George Fetrow	DEP South Central Regional Office Waste Management Program
Laura Henry	DEP Bureau of Waste Management (BWM)/Liaison to the Committee
Larry Holley	DEP BWM
Mary Keenan	Webber Associates/PWIA
Alaina Krayeski	DEP BWM/Recording Secretary
Leda Lacomba	Office of Representative Matt Gabler
Jim Lambert	Monroe County Solid Waste Authority
Jason Leck	Pennsylvania Independent Waste Haulers Association (PIWHA) (on behalf of Gary Roberts)
Amy Mazzella di Bosco	Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority/PROP

Glenn Mitzel	DEP BWM
Marc Moran	DEP BWM
Todd Pejack	DEP BWM
Matt Rindfuss	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Keith Salador	Citizens Advisory Council (CAC)
Tom Santanna	Tom Santanna Strategic Consulting, LLC/PWIA
Lisa Schaefer	County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
Joanne Shafer	Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority (on behalf of Joyce Hatala)
Jennifer Summers	PROP
Beth Ann Taylor	PROP member

### **SWAC Call to Order; Introduction of Members and Guests; Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2018 (SWAC); Old Business**

Michele Nestor, Chair, called the December 12, 2018, Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Ms. Nestor called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018, meeting. Shannon Reiter moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Robert Watts; the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nestor went on to provide some procedural clarifications for the meeting pertaining to the Recycling Fund Advisory Committee (RFAC)/Act 101 Workgroup portion of the agenda. Ms. Nestor indicated that she would call the SWAC to a recess to allow the Workgroup to make its final recommendations on Act 101 to RFAC, then reconvene SWAC to accept the recommendations of RFAC to be presented to DEP.

### **Information Item: Revisions to DEP's *Guidance Document on Radioactivity Monitoring at Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Facilities***

Dave Allard, Director, DEP Bureau of Radiation Protection, provided background information on the development of this guidance. He went on to explain that the document is being revised in response to the boom of the unconventional oil and gas industry in the Commonwealth and the subsequent promulgation of the Chapter 78a regulations for the industry. The proposed changes: 1) cover oil and gas operations; 2) address the disposition of TENORM waste; 3) capture 20 years of lessons learned; 4) reduce duplicative information; 5) provide guidance for non-solid waste recycler operations; 6) improve guidance on environmental monitoring of radioactivity; and 7) compile radiation standards.

Mr. Allard indicated that the Committee could expect to see final language of the proposed guidance in early 2019.

### **Action Item: Draft Proposed County Recycling Convenience Center and Satellite Station General Permit**

Larry Holley, Chief, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning, presented a proposed General Permit that would authorize County Recycling Convenience Centers and Satellite Stations for the collection, storage, and transfer of municipal waste, recyclable material, and construction/demolition waste from vehicles that are not usually used to transport these materials. Convenience centers and satellite stations would be owned by County or local governments but may enter into contracts with private entities for operation. DEP envisioned one convenience center per County, to be fed into by smaller

scale satellite stations. Activities at centers and stations would focus on recycling and more recyclables than waste would be collected. To allow for flexibility in siting, DEP Regional Offices would have the authority to waive permit conditions as necessary. Mr. Holley noted two important differences from previous permit language discussed: 1) applicants can apply for a determination of applicability (DOA) or registration rather than just DOA; and 2) assessment of a \$250 application fee.

Members voiced concerns with the current draft of the permit and discussed them at length. Mr. Holley agreed to reevaluate the permit taking the concerns into consideration, and bring a new draft to the next SWAC meeting.

### **Discussion Item: Amendment of Committee Bylaws**

Ms. Nestor lead discussion about amending the committee bylaws. The issues to be addressed in the bylaws amendments include granting voting proxy to Recycling Fund Advisory Committee (RFAC) Legislative Alternates; removing RFAC as a standing committee of SWAC and reestablishing it as a separate committee; and adopting separate bylaws are for SWAC and RFAC.

Members voiced their opinions and concerns about amending the bylaws, and DEP indicated that any amendments would need to comply with Act 101. A goal was set to have amended bylaws to discuss at the next meeting.

### **Public Comment; New Business**

Ms. Henry reminded the committee that the appointment/reappointment for the Committee is coming up and requested that members seeking reappointment to the Committee submit their resumés to her by Wednesday, December 19.

Ms. Nestor opened the floor for public comment; none were made.

At 11:57 a.m., Ms. Nestor dismissed the committee for a recess to allow for the RFAC meeting.

Ms. Nestor called SWAC back to order at 1:56 p.m.

Ms. Nestor made a motion to approve the RFAC recommendations on Act 101. Robert Watts moved to approve the recommendations; seconded by Joe Reinhart. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nestor called for a motion to create a Bylaws Subcommittee; moved by Shannon Reiter and seconded by Robert Watts. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Reiter volunteered to serve as Chair of the subcommittee.

Ms. Nestor then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Reinhart moved to adjourn; seconded by Robert Watts. The motion carried unanimously, and SWAC adjourned at 1:57 p.m.