

WASTE & MATERIALS MANAGEMENT STUDY GROUP – Notes: February 6, 2020

Location: Plover, WI; WI Rural Water Association

Member Attendance: Albee, Curry, Doverspike/SWANA, Johnson, Karwoski, Meyer Smith, Morgan, Sexton,
 Welch/WCSWMA (phone) Sieg/AROW

Guests: Rachel Angel

DNR Attendance: Lamensky, Semrau, Strom Hiorns, Joosten - skype

Time/ Presenter	Topic	Follow-up/Notes
9:30	Agenda & Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes from 12/6/19 were postponed. Finalized notes can be found on the WMM website. No agenda changes Only 5 of 10 study group members in attendance, decided not to make any group decisions/motions today without majority
9:45 Kate Strom Hiorns	DNR Updates	<p>Staffing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In hiring process: Environmental Program Associate in NER; HW Specialist in SER; IT Specialist in CO; Bureau Director position interviews ongoing Recently hired: Hydrogeologist in South Central region; HW Specialist in NER; E-Cycle Compliance Specialist in CO; Waste Management Specialist in SER; Next: Beneficial Use/Low Hazard Exemption Specialist in NER/CO; HW Specialist focusing on Transfer-Storage-Disposal facilities (10 TSDs in the state) <p>Rulemaking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Resources Board approved NR 538 rule package approval and signed by Gov, NR 600 HW rule package waiting on Gov signature; E-Cycle rule scope approval; Asking NRB for approval of Coal Combustion Residual scope this month <p>General Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 91 of 95 external guidance documents through the new recertification process under Act 369, 85 final Legislative Audit Bureau program evaluation continuing, gathering financial and staffing information from DNR lately; LAB noted still plan on a spring report release Moving forward with a Waste Characterization Study, hope to have RFP ASAP DNR doing overhaul to website, initial changes expected in April WA program watching several legislative proposals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> method for establishing proof of financial responsibility for solid waste facilities owned or operated by a municipality prohibiting the sale and use of coal tar-based sealants and high PAH sealant products

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exempting certain waste-to-energy facilities from tipping fees - expanding the clean sweep program to include collection of certain firefighting foams - regulating firefighting foam that contains certain contaminants – only used for emergency or testing - PFAS standards and grant programs – League of Munic and SWANA PFAS group sent comments for the hearing today <p>Assembly session done in February; Senate session runs through March 26</p> <p>PFAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division hired a Communications position, Technical Operations Coordinator, and soon 2 researchers • State coordinating committee active – WisPAC – see website for upcoming meeting dates • Watching legislative activity and preparing for needed rulemaking • Gathering input
<p>10:15 Chad Doverspike</p>	<p>Alt LF Cover Subgroup</p>	<p>Chad sent out recommendations and DNR responses to subgroup members January 23 – only one response back since. Betsy Powers said path recommended at last Study Group meeting was good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendations 6, 5, 1 are highest priority (see December notes) that focus on guidance development and group discussions to help develop - Would like engineer input, those who are designing landfills and working in many states - Chad will send out to Susan/SWANA members, alt landfill cap subgroup again for feedback and next steps, volunteers
<p>10:30 Bart Sexton</p>	<p>C&D Subgroup</p>	<p>Bart provided documents in advance of meeting with policy pages from the subgroup; plan to look at each of these individually to pass and put in policy bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DNR to include comments on each of these in the policy documents <p>DNR provided NR 520 fees related to NR 503 sites and spreadsheets to help determine DNR costs Bart wants feedback on these and motions to accept and put in policy bank when full group meets again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expansion proposal (#4), separation to minimum of 300 feet rather than 1320 feet - Bart- “Could place these closer to a house than could to another C&D site now” (?) - What are pros and cons from operator side and from environmental side – could address separation impacts with wells in between, similar to sanitary landfills - Expedite bad actor as well as the expansion proposal to expedite – Bart to make the change in the document - Wait for full group to do separate review and approval of these final documents - Bart will re-send to the full study group, ask for DNR comments to include, and ask them to read and be prepared to vote to put in policy bank in April, and ask group to say whether these proposals should be as a group or could be used separately - VOC, OFR – DNR already has the “may” option to do the second and third proposals - <p>Note on policy bank submittals – be clear on whether each proposal is stand alone or package of proposals that group prefers to be kept together if there were to be a legislative proposal; group also discussed who would be the one to push</p>

		these forward – doesn't have to be a group member but someone else could use these to say it is backed by the study group
11:00	break	
11:15	Recovery & Diversion Subgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group met January 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed definition(s) of recycling, but unsure of efforts to change in legislation or code and what that would "fix" – what is the value of creating one definition? No set answer from subgroup - Inequity of funding for RUs - How do we drive change - Nothing to bring forward to full study group at this time <p>Next meeting March 12, 1:00</p>
11:30	Groundwater Monitoring Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps: make sure landfill owners know the guidance is available and can use it to reduce and potentially terminate monitoring • Requested that DNR reach out to closed landfill owners – intern project to look for certain sites that this would benefit (both them and DNR)? • Tom will talk to Joe Lourigan (DNR Hydro) about next steps and bring update back to study group
11:45 Rachel Angel	LF Operator/ Manager Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 400 people with landfill operator or site manager certifications • Rachel provided powerpoint • Brought of need to update study guide and exam, may not reflect actual job duties; is the exam too easy? Need differentiation of exam questions for different kinds of landfills? Doesn't test on day-to-day activities. • Document site training along with exam? • What is the value of licensure? Relevance of test? Who needs it and why? Staff need to know how to run equipment safely, not drainage layer specifics, for example. Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) through SWANA is a way that many states certify staff. Several days of classroom training and then testing. • Why two years experience to take managers exam? Currently a statutory requirement. Can't change with exam updates. • Is it to gain usable knowledge, or just pass a test? Rachel – test intended to competency to know what they are doing on site. So they are familiar with admin code. Not testing on day to day activities, but that they understand code. (Meleesa, "my operators don't need to understand code") Valerie clarified that it's beyond what is in code. She has taken MOLO and looking to take some info from that to update the exam. • Test isn't that challenging or comprehensive. Can ready the study guide a few times and will pass. MOLO better to use, more rigorous and the training you want staff to have on site. • Some states require MOLO and some just allow. To maintain MOLO, need approved SWANA trainings. More expensive to maintain than current WI rules. Could DNR certify more annual trainings? (WIRMC does count) • Chad suggested letting group look at the questions and could make suggestions. • Goal?

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use university to provide training and exams? Similar to how the compost training is run at UWSP. • <i>Need to look at what is required in statutes and code, frame what we can currently change or not</i> • MN SWANA chapter created its own version of MOLO to train members – may be an option to learn from • SWANA WI may discuss adding training that could complement the certifications
12:20	Next meeting plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: April 2, 2020 – first Thursdays of the months Feb, April, August, October, December • Vapor Intrusion presentation? • Similar agenda for next meeting as today – follow ups from all subjects