

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Highlights of TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Management & Resource Recovery Advisory Council (MSWRRAC)
Meeting, Thursday July 8, 2021

Attendance

Members Present

Ms. Risa Weinberger
Mr. Scott Trebus
Mr. Holly Holder
Ms. Cheryl Mergo
Mr. Chuck Rivette
Mr. Jeffrey Mayfield
Mr. Richard McHale
Mr. Scott Pasternak
Mr. David Yanke
Ms. Heather Douglas
Judge David Dillard

Members Absent

Mr. Kevin Martinolich
Mr. Trent Perez

TCEQ Staff Present

Ms. Charly Fritz
Mr. Chance Goodin
Ms. Megan Henson

Mr. Cody Seal
Ms. Diane Barnes

Archived Webcast of the Meeting

The meeting was held online using MS Teams. Archived webcast of the meeting is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkrwPMOBuPg

Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests—Mr. Holly Holder, Council President

- Ms. Barnes took roll for the council members.
- Mr. Holder asked TCEQ staff and other presenters for the meeting to introduce themselves.

Waste Permits Division (WPD) Update—Ms. Charly Fritz, Deputy Director

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
 - Agency has increased the number of staff allowed to work in office, but most staff continue teleworking. Appointments are required for the public to enter buildings for meetings and to view records in the Central File Room. Official decision of migrating back to working in office still pending.

- TCEQ Sunset Review
 - Agency is working on a self-evaluation report that is due to the Sunset Commission on September 1, 2021.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permits Section Update—Mr. Chance Goodin, Manager

- Rulemaking, Chapter 332 Composting
 - Clarifications and other minor revisions are set to be proposed July 14th with a virtual public meeting to be held on August 23rd at 2 pm for public discussion.
- Staffing
 - Two team leads and two project manager vacancies; five vacancies mentioned last meeting are filled.
- 24 major applications currently in process; 5 are registrations
- Guidance and Forms Update
 - No form updates but working on Technical Review Adequacy Criteria (TRAC) Manuals to assist staff with application review process.
 - [Requirements for Using Land over Closed Municipal Solid Waste Landfills](#) webpage has been updated to assist customers with the process and rules for developing and using land over closed landfills.
- EPA National Recycling Goal
 - EPA announced goal to increase the national recycling rate to 50 percent by 2030
- Recycling Market Development Plan Project
 - Project is on track to be finished by the end of the fiscal year. Will be presented in October council meeting

Business & Program Services Section Update – Ms. Megan Henson, Manager

- Council Position Applications
 - Applications received and are under review. Nominations will be presented at Commissioners Agenda on September 22, 2021.
- Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update
 - COGS continue to work on their plans. WPD expect the first plans to be submitted in September. COGS are required to submit their plans in 2022.
- Scrap Tire Program Update
 - The 2020 Scrap Tire report was published July 7th. Overall, there was an increase in the number of managed tires for the year. The report is available at www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/waste_permits/tires/tires-reporting.

EPA MSW Landfills Emissions Guidelines, Mr. Holly Holder, Advisory Council President

- Council discussed implementation of new EPA performance standards for gas systems at landfills to lower emission threshold from 50 Mg per year to 34 Mg per year. TCEQ's Air Permits Division is reviewing recent court actions and EPA rules and are working towards a state plan to implement the 2016 landfill emission guidelines.

Approval of April 8, 2021 Meeting Highlights

- Mr. McHale made a motion to accept the meeting highlights. Mr. Rivette seconded the motion, and the highlights were approved by the council.

Action Items

- 2020 Scrap Tire report sent to council members by Ms. Henson during the meeting

Public Comments

- None

Next Meeting

- October 14, 2021