



Mark your calendars: The next Hazardous Waste Forum will be held April 8 at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Elm Street Conference Center at 1730 East Elm in Jefferson City.

We are appreciative of the interest in previous forums and I know this one will live up to the benchmarks set by those previous forums.

Since the last forum, there have been quite a few changes within the Department of Natural Resources. We intend to give updates on some of these changes at the forum.

Many, if not all, of the items on the upcoming draft agenda are a direct result of past forums. At the October 2007 Hazardous Waste Forum, it was apparent that more discussion on container management was warranted. For the upcoming April 8 forum, we have set aside most of the afternoon's session, and part of the morning session, to discuss this topic. We will be asking for volunteers for a Container Management Workgroup to discuss the current packaging, marking and labeling regulations.

The Health Profile Workgroup, originally formed at a Hazardous Waste Forum, held a meeting in May 2008. Forum attendees will be updated on the progress of the workgroup, and in the afternoon portion of the forum, the Health Profile Workgroup will meet.

There are many other topics we plan to discuss with you at the forum. An agenda is available on the Hazardous Waste Forum Web page..

I hope everyone that is able will attend this forum. It has been over a year since the last one, and there is a lot to discuss. Department staff, myself included, enjoy the forums and the opportunity for face-to-face communication with those that are affected by hazardous waste laws, regulations and guidance. It helps us better understand and improve our actions; or at least recognize where challenges exist. Our goals are sustainable communities that include thriving businesses and a healthy environment.

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding this, or future, forums. .

Thank you,

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