

Dear Hazardous Waste Program Stakeholders:

At the most recent meeting of the Hazardous Waste Fee Stakeholder Workgroup held on Mar. 13th, participants provided input and feedback on the fee proposal that was developed at the Feb. 19th meeting. Based on the feedback received, some adjustments were made to the proposal, and a final recommendation for a change to the fee structure was developed that will be presented to the Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Commission at their next meeting. The stakeholder recommendation is now posted to the Hazardous Waste Fee Stakeholder Workgroup webpage for review.

The next Hazardous Waste Management Commission meeting will be held on April 16, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the department's East Elm Street Conference Center, located at 1730 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. At the meeting, the department will present the recommendation developed by stakeholders at the Mar. 13th meeting. The Commission will then have the opportunity to review the recommendation, but would need to wait until their next meeting before they could take any voting action. If the Commission approves the recommendation, a proposed rule amendment will be filed. This will afford stakeholders the opportunity to provide additional comments on the proposed fee structure change as the comment period for the proposed rule will begin with publication of the proposed amendment in the Missouri Register. A public hearing on the rule is also expected to be held at the Aug. 20th Commission meeting, with the adoption of the proposed amendment expected to occur at the Commission's Oct. 15th meeting.

At this time, we want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has participated in any of the stakeholder meetings or provided feedback or information to help in the development of this recommendation. Your involvement in the process has been critical in developing this stakeholder proposal. We look forward to your continued involvement and support as the process moves from the stakeholder workgroup stage to the formal rulemaking stage.

Again, thank you for the time and effort you have put into this process. Your efforts to support the Hazardous Waste Program have been very much appreciated.