

**MINUTES OF THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATION AND TAX POLICY TASK FORCE**

Tuesday, May 20, 2003 – 8:00 a.m. – Room 129 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Senate Chair
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart, House Chair
Sen. Ron Allen
Sen. Patrice Arent
Sen. Beverly Ann Evans
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Rep. James A. Ferrin
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

Members Absent:

Sen. Greg S. Bell
Rep. Eli H. Anderson
Rep. Roger E. Barrus

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Mr. Bryant R. Howe, Policy Analyst
Mr. Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sandra Wissa, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the committee secretary at 538-1032.

1. Committee Business

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. and introduced the task force members.

Chair Bramble reviewed the proposed meeting schedule.

MOTION: Sen. Allen moved to approve the proposed meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bell, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Barrus, and Rep. Hogue absent for the vote.

Chair Bramble explained that the chairs are requesting approval from the Task Force to place the witnesses under oath and request that they disclose whom they represent and their funding sources.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved that witnesses be placed under oath and are requested to disclose whom they represent and funding sources. The motion passed with Sen. Allen voting in opposition. Sen. Bell, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Barrus, and Rep. Hogue were absent for the vote.

2. Review of S.B. 172 "Hazardous Waste Regulation and Tax Policy Task Force and Moratorium on Acceptance of B and C Radioactive Waste"

Mr. Allred distributed and reviewed S.B. 172.

3. Hazardous Waste Regulation and Tax Policy Overview

Mr. Allred, Mr. Rees, and Mr. Howe made a presentation and distributed "Hazardous Waste Regulation and Tax Policy Task Force, Staff Presentation."

Mr. Howe distributed and reviewed "State of Utah, Statutory Taxes and Fees Imposed by the State on the Commercial Waste Industry."

After a short break Sen. Bramble relinquished the chair to Rep. Urquhart.

4. Overview of Potential Task Force Issues

Chair Urquhart reviewed some potential issues and asked for input from the Task Force.

Task Force discussion followed.

5. Department of Environmental Quality Presentation

An oath was administered to the following speakers:

Ms. Dianne Nielson, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, made a presentation and distributed a copy of the presentation to the Task Force. Mr. Dennis Downs, Division of Hazardous and Solid Waste; Mr. Bill Sinclair, Division of Radiation Control answered questions.

Chair Urquhart asked the DEQ to provide additional information to the Task Force at a later date.

Mr. Gary Doxey, General Counsel, Governor's Office, spoke to the Task Force.

6. Introductory Comments from Industry Representatives

The following individuals were placed under oath and spoke to the Task Force:

Mr. Kory Coleman, Allied Waste Company, distributed "ECDC Environmental – An Allied Waste Company."

Mr. David Frydenlund, Vice President, International Uranium, distributed "International Uranium (USA) Corporation White Mesa Uranium Mill."

Mr. Lowell Peterson, Clean Harbors Environmental Services.

Ms. Betty Arial, Envirocare of Utah.

Mr. Bob Mascaro, Landfill Investors.

Mr. Charles Judd, Cedar Mountain Environmental.

7. Public Comment

The following individuals were placed under oath spoke to the Task Force:

Ms. Mary Draper, distributed "Questions from HEAL Utah to Utah Legislative Task Force on Hazardous Waste" and a copy of her testimony.

Ms. Claire Geddes, Utah Legislative Watch.

Mr. Michael Cowley, HEAL Utah.

Mr. Steve Erickson, Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club.

8. Task Force Discussion

9. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hogue moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

Chair Urquhart adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.