



Memo

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Ed Thamke, Waste & Underground Tank Management (WUTMB) Bureau Chief
DATE: August 12, 2016
SUBJECT: Oilfield Exploration and Production (E&P) Waste Rulemaking

The purpose of this memo is to keep stakeholders informed of the upcoming rulemaking efforts pertaining to oilfield exploration and production (E&P) waste and facilities handling this waste stream. Before we begin our formal rulemaking process, we are offering the opportunity to provide preliminary input on the subject. We have been researching a variety of resources and would like to utilize stakeholder comments to help us draft new rules specific to E&P waste and facilities.

If you have any constructive comments or information for us to consider, please get them to us before September 12, 2016. By November 14, 2016, we hope to file the Notice of Intent to Initiate Rule Making with the Secretary of State's Office for the proposed "E&P" waste rules. This begins the formal Montana Administrative Procedures Act (MAPA) notification and public comment period, providing another opportunity to provide input. A public hearing date will also be announced during that time. It is our goal to have these rules adopted by 12/25/2016.

Please send your thoughts regarding E&P waste rules using the information below and with the subject line "E&P Rules". Also, a couple of other organizations are helping us distribute this memo so if you'd like to be on DEQ's interested person's distribution for this or other rule making, please let us know. Thank you for your participation and interest.

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