

General Environmental Health Services Committee  
Indiana Environmental Health Association  
Minutes  
October 14, 2010

**Members in Attendance:**

Jason Ravenscroft	Chair
Richard Voller	Secretary
Dean Smith	East Central Chapter (E. C. Indiana Solid Waste District)
Jennifer Warner	Central Chapter (Johnson County Health Department)
Ron Clark	Central Chapter (Indiana State Department of Health)
David D. Lamm	Consulting Representative (via telephone)
Shannon Shepherd	Wabash Valley Chapter (via telephone)

**Members Absent:**

Scott Strietelmeier	Southeast Chapter
Julie Wolfe	Northwest Chapter
Charity Myers	Industry Representative
John Kennard	Southern Chapter
Dr. Eliezer Bermudez	Academia Representative
Larry Crowder	West Central Chapter
Carolyn Chappell	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Rick Plew	Indiana State Department of Health
John Hulewicz	Northeast Chapter
Jessica Trimble	Indiana State Department of Health
John Kennard	Southern Chapter (Brown County Health Department)

**Others in Attendance:**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the August 12, 2010 meeting were accepted as written. There was a motion by David Lamm, seconded by Jennifer Warner.

**III. Old Business**

**IDEM: Air Pollution Control Board** – Jason, Ron reported that the Board passed preliminary adoption of the New Rule 326 IAC 4-3. LSA #05-332. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held on 10/13. No results posted on the IDEM website but there is a comment period ending November 3, 2010. IKE (Improving Kid's Environment) and INJAC are looking for stronger language to be instituted or at least considered before the end of the comment period. One change IKE wanted was to increase the stack height requirement.

Dave Lamm reported about the sawmill in French Lick that has been on fire and may burn for a month. This indicates that the pollution board has some work to do. There was a short discussion about this issue ending with cynicism.

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**Medication Drop-off Information** – There was discussion and it was decided that there was enough information out there on this issue, there just needs to be better communication. How?

- Get information out to the public about drop-off event locations.
- Communicate the issues surrounding controlled substances
  - o Need a law enforcement officer present
  - o Illegal to drop off someone else's prescription
- Keep in mind that events around the state are being done by solid waste districts and not health departments. Coordinate with the proper entity.

It's important to remember that this is not considered a household hazardous waste. Marsh does the collection of meds twice a year but will not accept controlled substances.

Jason suggested adding a link to the IEHA website under the solid waste section that would give interested parties some direction as to how to get a program or event started.

It was pointed out that most collection groups have on-duty officers present and that the DEA is lenient towards those dropping off controlled substances without a prescription or not in their name.

Dean informed the group that there is guidance on how to properly conduct a collection. See the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act (S. 3397 cleared for the President's signature on September 29, 2010 by the U.S. Senate and House of Reps.)

Some places (Pharmacies) have locked drop boxes that only law enforcement officers can access.

Some hazards:

- A Pharm Party is one of the hazards of keeping controlled substances or any old med around. Kids get them and take them at this event.
- Dean cited a study in Massachusetts that documents pharmaceuticals will leach through the ground from landfills.

Dean Smith is the Indiana contact person for Pharmaceutical disposal and welcomes calls to answer questions.

**The Spring Conference** – Ask Travis if he needs anything.

Ideas:

Ron – May want to revisit the bedbug presentation by Brian Price at the state.

Jennifer Warner – Bedbugs are a growing issue in Johnson County. Motels located on U.S. 31 are the culprits in our neck of the woods.

Dave Lamm – There is a StarNews article on bedbugs found at the IU campus.

The Spring Conference will be held at Valle Vista Golf and Conference Center

#### IV. **New Business**

**Public Hearing for our Indoor Air Rule** – There were some comments from IKE, no comments from schools. We can make changes based on the comments and then present the modified rule to the board at the next hearing. They can reject changes

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and take the last approved version if they so choose. Ron has copies if you want to read it. It would be final sometime next year based on scheduling on the agenda. Basically, 30 days after it is published, it is enforceable.

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

**VI. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is December 2, 2010 at 10:00 am at the ISDH Shadeland office.