

Regional Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Idaho Solid Waste Association Meeting Highlights

December 2, 2010

The meeting took place on September 22-23, 2010 in Kootenai County. As part of the meeting we toured their two transfer stations and the Spokane Regional Waste-to Energy Facility.

The Ramsey Road facility is an older facility that accepts household waste as well as sorted materials and household hazardous waste. It is situated next to their old closed landfill that they hope to turn into a dog park some day.

The Prairie Road Transfer Station is a new facility that they are currently using approximately half of its capacity (it was designed to accept up to 400 tons/day). It accepts household and sorted materials as well as household hazardous waste.

The Spokane Waste-to-Energy facility is run by Wheelabrator. This facility accepts approximately 800 tons/day and was built in 1989 for a cost of \$100 million dollars. According to our tour guide 80-90/tons per day of what is accepted is left as ash at the end of the process. Currently, the facility produces approximately \$12 million/year in electricity. The debt load for the facility is \$17 million/year. The tipping fee is \$98/ton. Spokane is currently managing four superfund landfills. \$15-\$20/ton of their tipping fees are not servicing the landfills.





During the meeting portion of the agenda we discussed the green house reporting rule, the University of Idaho presented information on how they could assist the solid waste community in Idaho, we were updated on the status of the decision of whether ISWA should become a SWANA chapter and we elected a new Board of Directors. Blair was elected to the board from our district. A conference committee was formed to determine the location of the fall meeting (the plan is to have this meeting in different parts of the state so that more members can attend) and it was decided that the spring conference will continue to be in conjunction with the Environmental Health meeting in Boise.