

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2010 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
CAPCOG Offices
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165
Austin, Texas
Conference Call***

MARKED AGENDA

Attendees:

Shana Norton (CAMPO), Jessica Woods (City of Round Rock), Pharr Andrews (City of Austin), Colin Barth (TCEQ), Holly Brightwell (TCEQ), Shelly Naik (TCEQ), Bob Van Till (City of Taylor), Natalie Hossain (LCRA), Bill Gill (CAPCOG), Andrew Hoekzema (CAPCOG), Deanna Altenhoff (CAF), Scott Johnson (Citizen), Adele Noele (Travis County), Carrie Paige (EPA Region 6), Gary Boyd (Williamson County), Sheleen Walker (Representative Donna Howard's Office), Drew Rau (ESL)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

• NO₂ Information Session at TCEQ Sept. 16th at 10:30

EPA: Ozone standard postponed, expect it to be finalized on or about end of October. Office of Management and Budget has not received it yet, and they typically take 60 days to review. People interested in tracking it can visit www.reginfo.gov/public. The implementation rule proposal is still supposed to coincide with the rule finalization, although Carrie was unaware of the implementation rule proposal having anything about the secondary standard. Carrie said that she will try to get someone from permitting to join the call next month to answer questions on both the new source review and greenhouse gas permitting issues.

TCEQ: No areas in Texas monitoring above the NO₂ standard, but there are new requirements for near-road monitors; Austin area will have to have one. TCEQ submitted a petition for reconsideration of the SO₂ standard on August 23rd. EPA docket number to look up for petition is EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0352.

3. Permitting Issues

- Greenhouse gases**
- Revisions to existing permitting program**

EPA intends to FIP 13 states whose permitting programs do not currently allow for GHG PSD permitting, including Texas. Carrie Paige will have someone who can discuss the permitting issues further next month. More info available at www.epa.gov/nsr/actions.html#2010

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Shelly Naik (TCEQ): (follow-up) item 83 on the September 15th agenda is designed to address the April 14, 2010, EPA notice of disapproval of the qualified facility program.

4. Nonattainment designation activities

- **EPA's revised process**

Other deadlines will be pushed back at least two months, possibly longer. It is unknown whether the implementation rule proposal will address the secondary standard. Carrie Paige said that the group should not assume that there is any possibility that ozone designations would be promulgated under the 75 ppb standard.

- **State's recommendation process and timeline**

TCEQ has extended comment period for ozone designation recommendations to November 8th. TCEQ has not yet chosen a new Commissioners' Work Session date to consider ozone standard designation recommendations.

- **Comment development**

Bill and Andrew will post conceptual model update on website if anyone wants to review it and incorporate it into their comments on ozone designation recommendations.

5. Sunset reviews and potential air quality legislative issues

Texas Clean Air Working Group is developing legislative issues and might be a good vehicle through which to get the legislature to address air quality issues of concern to people. Metro 8 group may also be a useful group to work through. Sunset Review Commission will have hearings on TCEQ on December 15th and 16th in Austin, and will have their review document published by January 12th.

6. Ozone Season update

Murchison at 74 ppb, a 4th high of 78 ppb would put the area above the 75 ppb standard.

7. Outreach update

- **Ozone Heroes**

Event Saturday sponsored by KGSR and Schlotsky's at Barton Springs & South Lamar from 12pm-2pm. Sign program for ozone watch days has been going on.

- **CLEAN AIR Force**

Pilot project ended in August. Fundraiser October 27th from 6pm-9pm. Looking for interns.

- **Study on Ozone Action Day Effectiveness**

Interesting study on effects of ozone warnings in the DFW area discussed in Dallas-Morning News previous week. Andrew will post a link to the study.

- **Other**

Community Action Network had requested information on non-road mobile source emissions; one of the requests was a list of commercial service providers who help reduce non-road sources of emissions. Bill and Andrew mentioned that perhaps Clean Air Force and CAPCOG could work on developing such a list.

8. Program update

- **Possible heavy vehicle idling rule changes**

Follow-up: TCEQ says they will consider rule change at an agenda in December (either the 1st or 15th), with adoption scheduled in June 2011. There have been no known local enforcement actions under the heavy-duty idling rule.

- **Other**

Bill mentioned talking with City of Austin about using code enforcement staff to do air quality enforcement activities.

9. Other Business

Adele Noele mentioned TCEQ's existing and proposed cuts to the LIRAP program; these cuts may make the program unmanageable.

Scott Johnson mentioned that City of Austin is looking at requiring biodiesel in city contracts.