

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
CAPCOG Offices
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165
Austin, Texas
Conference Call***

MARKED AGENDA

Attendees: Pharr Andrews, Maria (LCRA), Carrie Paige, Bill Gill, Faith Melgaard, Kristin Hebert, Melissa (TCEQ), Adele Noel, Joel (ESP), and Deanna Altenhoff

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments

No citizen comments

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

EPA - Three updates

- *2008 Standard – In March the EPA requested that courts refrain from hearing arguments on the new standard for 180 days. Because the court has not heard anything on the new standard there was never a “Stay” on the 2008 standard.*
- *EPA is extending the comment period to September 25th for the renewable fuel standard. For more information go to www.epa.gov/otaq/renewablefuels*
- *EPA is proposing a new 1-hour NO₂ standard between 80 and 100 parts per billion. For more information go to www.epa.gov/air/nitrogenoxides*

Bill Gill asked if either the EPA or TCEQ has performed an analysis of the number of areas likely to be out of compliance with the new standard as a result of the requirement that monitors be located in close proximity to roadways. Neither EPA nor TCEQ are aware of any such analysis at this time.

EPA stated that the implementation rule for the 2008 ozone standard is still being drafted and it may be a few more months before it is available.

TCEQ stated that they are following the NO₂ standard and are currently working on comments to EPA. TCEQ is also conducting an analysis of which areas in Texas are likely to be impacted by the new NO₂ standard.

TCEQ submitted the annual network monitoring review to EPA. A new monitor will be added for Lead to be located at 2600 Webberville Rd.

The monitoring requirements for the new ozone standard have not come out yet. The EPA will notify CACAC once they are available.

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3. Ozone monitoring data for the 2009 ozone season – thus far

On July 2nd the TCEQ issued a warning that high ozone was being monitored. The 8-hour average for the 2nd ended up at 80 parts per billion. Currently the 4th highest 8-hour ozone value is 76 parts per billion. As long as the fourth highest value does not exceed 77 ppb the design value would be 75 ppb, and therefore meet the 2008 standard. Carrie Paige of EPA confirmed that the EPA will use the most current certified monitoring data to make their designation, and will base their designation on the design value.

4. Big Push update

- **Green Grilling**

Email blasts have been sent out by the CAMPO contractor concerning Big Push emission reduction measures. Action Item: Locate contact person at TCEQ for sending out email blasts to employees.

- **Elgin Resolution**

The City of Elgin passed a resolution in support of the Big Push on July 7, 2009.

- **Cement Plant Reduction Measure**

CAPCOG is working with AACOG on potential cement plant NO_x reductions for predicted high ozone days. Meeting to be held next week to continue discussion about potential emission reductions to be implemented in the late August through September time frame.

5. CAC Meeting Update

- **New Officers**

During CAC meeting on June 26th, new officers were elected. The new Chair is Judge Biscoe from Travis County, and the 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs are Mayor McGraw of Round Rock and Commissioner Ford from Hays County, respectively.

- **By-law changes**

Changes to be made the by-laws include changing the requirements for officer selection, adding the option to teleconference or videoconference for CAC meetings, and expanding CAC membership. It was noted that the 8-03 Flex agreement committed to the invitation, by this September, of five new members to join the CAC, which these by-laws changes would allow.

- **Yard signs**

The CAC agreed on a design for an ozone action day sign. CAPCOG plans to order up to 100 signs for distribution. The design for the signs can be found at <http://www.capcog.org/documents/airquality/cacac/july2009/Ozone%20Action%20Fl%20ag.pdf>. Both LCRA and the City of Austin have signs they are currently using to make employees aware of ozone action days. Pharr with the City of Austin will send information on signs they are currently using.

6. Stimulus Funding Update

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The City of Austin is putting together a grant application for the EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant opportunity. The City may include incentives for River Cities Rideshare in their application.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants funds will also be available late summer or early fall from the Department of Energy, and also could be used for improvements to River Cities Rideshare. Applications for regional projects will be scored higher for this grant opportunity.

7. Other Business

*Pharr Andrews suggested that we look at identifying the appropriate response to questions in the event that we do monitor nonattainment. It will be important to continue many of the Big Push efforts currently underway in even if we are designated nonattainment. **Action Item:** CAPCOG to develop draft document to send to CACAC outlining contingency message for outreach if we are designated nonattainment.*

*As discussed in the CAC bylaws change item there is the commitment to invite five new members to join the CAC and participate in the 8-03 Flex Program. **Action Item:** CACAC members are asked to recommend any local jurisdictions, either cities or school districts that they think might be interested in joining the CAC.*

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