

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
CAPCOG Offices
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165
Austin, Texas
Conference Call***

MARKED AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments

No citizen communication

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

Carrie Page stated that the designation letter from the Governor of Texas was received by EPA. EPA will evaluate the Governors submittal. EPA will contact TCEQ with any questions.

EPA is going to take a second look at the 2008 standard and see if it needs to be revised. EPA was sued by States environmental groups, and industry, and the new administration are going to take a look at the law suits and determine if the standard should be revised.

The EPA has 180 days to review the 75 ppb standard. March 10th the Dept of Justice asked for the standard to be reviewed. The review puts the lawsuits on hold for 180 days so that the EPA can make a decision on their evaluation of the standard. The new administration put all rule actions on hold that took place prior to the new administration coming into office so that they could look at the rules and make sure they agreed with them.

No update at this time on the implementation rule. Carrie will update CACAC with any news of the implementation plan.

3. Big Push update

Travis County is limiting fueling on ozone watch days, no diesel powered operation of lawn equipment, they are also implementing an education program about telecommuting and using alternative modes of transportation.

Williamson County working on Governor's letter with engineers and talking with other local governments about what they can do.

CAMPO is launching a campaign for Ozone Action Hero's "Your air your commitment." Advertisement from this campaign will include a Web site, social marketing, media buys

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(radio TV). Materials from the campaign are meant to be used by anyone; they are not branded by one agency.

U.T. is running a 2002 seasonal model in order to evaluate different types of impact during different times in the ozone season. U.T. is looking at significant point sources to determine if there is a way to effect ozone formation by changing the dispatch of electric generating facilities. Commute related vehicles are the other component of this evaluation. The goal would be to determine what kind of reduction would be required to show decreased levels of ozone forming pollutants at the monitors.

4. Agenda Development for CAC Meeting (tentatively March 25, 10 – 12)

- **Big Push media presentation** Media consultant will give a presentation to the CAC.
- **Recruiting new member cities (as part of Big Push)**
Williamson and Travis Counties are currently making an effort to recruit more entities to commit to BP emission reduction measures.
- **Consider distinguishing between supporting and charter members**
*Cathy recommended that the CAC might look at having supporting members to the 8-O3 Flex for new governments that want to commit to 8-O3 Flex measures. Need to determine if the CAC by-laws allow for the addition of supporting members **Action Item:** send email to CACAC with a link to the by-laws and determine what, if any, changes would have to be made to allow for supporting members.*
- **Consider revision of by-laws to accommodate member categories**
- **Legislative update**
Resolution and bills to be discussed at the upcoming CAC meeting. Resolutions include TCAWG, CAC, and CACC. Need to determine if there are any specific bills that the CAC wants to support.
- **Flint Hills letter – next steps**
FH response to the letter is that they feel that the fuel currently being distributed in the area is pretty clean and that they will only start including an additive when they are required by the EPA in 2010. Travis County, Round Rock, and the city of Austin are currently including an additive, during ozone season, into diesel used on their fleet. The only testing currently available is on baseline diesel and not necessarily the diesel that FH is using, so it is possible that we are getting a reduction with the current diesel that FH is supplying.

5. Ozone Flex Implementation Issues

- **Idling enforcement implementation plans**
Working to get the idling rule implementation plans in place prior to the 2009 ozone season. According to CAPCOG's records the Cities of Austin, Bastrop, Lockhart, Luling, San Marcos, and Caldwell and Hays Counties have not submitted implementation plans. The new model for mobile sources (MOVES), which should be out this year, does include calculations to show reduction from implementation of the

HDV idling rule. The MOVES model also changes the projected reduction in NOx emission in the coming years.

- **Consider new member categories**

6. Legislative Update

*Last day to file bills is this coming Friday (3/20/09). **Action Item:** send list of bills that CAPCOG is tracking to interested CACAC members.*

7. Flint Hills Letter/Alternate Plan *(see discussion above)*

- **Enforce idling limits**
- **Support media plan**
- **Other?**

8. Economic Stimulus Update

There are stimulus funds available for diesel emission reductions (DERA). These stimulus funds include funding for school buses. In addition to the diesel emission reduction funds, money will also be coming down through Blue Skyways. Cities and Counties will also get money from Block Grants.

City of Austin is currently looking write grants for DERA to help COA get funding for their fleet. COA is also working on applying for funding for school buses. Working to get Hazel on a project for the COA fleet to determine which vehicles could get

- **Energy efficiency**
- **Weatherization**
- **Other**

9. Other Business

*Fred suggested that outreach should be done with beverage distributors to encourage them to limit idling. **Action Item:** Shana and Cathy to send list of contacts for large vehicle operators to Fred to develop ideas for contacting operators and/or beverage distributors about idling.*

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