

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

MARKED AGENDA

Carrie Paige (EPA), Shana Norton (CAMPO), Cathy Stephens (CAMPO), Bill Gill (CAPCOG), Faith Melgaard (CAPCOG), Kristin Parsons (CAPCOG), Derek Dowdell (Bastrop), Elizabeth Prestwick (TxDOT), Deanna Altenhoff (CAF), Andrew Hoekzema (TCEQ), Scheleen Walker (Rep. Howard)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

TCEQ - Rider 8 going to be focused more on funding work towards the SIP.

EPA – New EPA Region 6 regional administrator named Alfredo “Al” Armendariz

Timeline for new standard:

- *Proposal for new standard should be signed Dec. 21st*
- *After signature, it may be up to three weeks before the new standard is in the Federal Register. Once it is published in FR the comment period (at least 30 days) will begin.*
- *Draft implementation rule - March of 2010*
- *Final rule for primary 8-hour standard - August 31, 2010**
- *Final implementation rule – November 2010*
- *Final EPA designation for ozone standards - August 2011*
- *Governors recommendations will be due December 2010 (There is a possibility that 2010 monitoring data will be available for TCEQ recommendations if it is QA/QC'd)*
- *EPA proposal for designation - April 2011*
- *Final rule making designation and classifications - August 2011*
- *State SIPs due - Dec 2013*

**If the secondary standard is the same as the primary they would be proposed at the same time; however, if the secondary standard is different it may come out after the primary standard.*

Carrie Paige will send the above EPA timeline. The timeline will be posted on the CAPCOG Web site at

[http://www.capcog.org/documents/airquality/cacac/Timelines%20-%20std%20and%20impl%20rule%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.capcog.org/documents/airquality/cacac/Timelines%20-%20std%20and%20impl%20rule%20(2).pdf)

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Cathy Stephens asked if there is a possibility that the years of monitoring data used for designation of the 2010 standard could go beyond the current timeline for designation (e.g. years 2011, 2012...). Carrie Paige state that she is not aware of this being a possibility at this time because final designation is scheduled for August 2011 and monitoring data for the 2011 and 2012 ozone season would not yet be available.

The 1997 standard will be implemented until the new standard and implementation rules are available.

The 2008 standard is still in place for PSD purposes, but the designation process is not longer going forward.

3. EPA Reconsideration of the Ozone Standard – Q and A with EPA

(See discussion above)

4. 8-Hour Ozone Flex Program Semi-Annual Report

- **consider changing to an annual report**

Action Item: *Put together a letter to EPA covering the monitoring data and requesting annual reporting as opposed to semi-annual. CAPCOG staff to run the letter to EPA by the CAC prior to submittal to EPA.*

5. Next CAC meeting – consider holding meeting in January

The CAC meeting typically held in December will be moved to January so that the proposed standard will be available for discussion during the meeting, and because there most likely will not be a semi-annual 8-hour O3 Flex report to present for CAC approval. The January meeting is tentatively scheduled for the second Wednesday in January following the CAPCOG Executive Committee meeting.

Action Item: *CAPCOG staff to discuss meeting change with CAC officers.*

6. Invitation to new CAC members and follow-up

A letter was sent on October 9, 2009 to jurisdiction that approved BP resolutions as well as Kyle, TX to invite them to join the CAC. To date, no responses have been received. After the 1st of the year, once the new standard is announced, there may be more interest in joining the CAC.

Action Item: *Staff to follow-up on invitation letters after the New Year.*

7. End of Ozone Season Wrap-up

Summary of monitoring data can be found on the CAPCOG Web site at http://www.capcog.org/documents/airquality/cacac/november2009/AgendaItem7-2009_Ozone_Season.pdf.

The Ozone Action Heroes campaign will continue into the next ozone season. Currently there is a contest for the school that gets the most heroes signed up to receive an ice cream party.

CLEAN Air Force had planned to do an end of ozone season announcement, but it is now on hold.

8. Idle Reduction Grant Issues

Idling reduction equipment is available for heavy duty vehicles to use to reduce idling. There are funds from EPA that could be used to purchase the equipment for idling reduction; however, the RFP located issued for the latest round of Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funds states that the funds cannot be used for reductions that are required by state law. Currently the State of Texas has an idling rule limiting idling beyond 5 minutes. Local entities have signed an MOA with TCEQ to enforce this state rule. It appears that this rule would preclude local entities from receiving funding for installing idling reduction equipment.

9. Update on CAF Google Commuter Pilot Project

CAF is working to implement a pilot project for a private shuttle service for employers to provide to their employees. CAF is working with government and private companies to implement pilot shuttle project in the coming months, but has run into some delay in finalizing the proposal.

10. Other Business

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