

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee  
Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm  
CAPCOG Offices  
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165  
Austin, Texas  
Conference Call\***

**MARKED AGENDA**

*Attendees: Adele Noel, Cathy Stephens, Shana Norton, Dana D’Orazio, Faith Melgaard, Bill Gill, Kristin Hebert*

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments**

**2. EPA and TCEQ Update**

*No TCEQ representative in attendance. The following is an update on from the Technical Working Group meeting held on November 6, 2008:*

*EPA*

- *EPA revised ozone standards and lawsuit updates – No updates available. Advised that all should proceed as scheduled.*
- *2008 Ozone Standard Implementation Guidance, progress – A draft should be available within the next 2 months (Dec. 2008/Jan. 2009) with an Implementation Rule possibly available by Spring 2009.*
- *New Monitoring Rule – As of now, should continue to refer to previous monitoring guidance. There will be an update by next TCAWG meeting in February 2009.*
- *MOVES progress update – There will be a training session in early 2009 (January/February) for the new version of MOVES.*
- *Baseline years for modeling (8-hour standard) – Still discussion over whether 2005 or 2008 will be used, but will most likely be using 2008 as baseline year.*

*TCEQ*

- *Dr. Jim Smith presented TCEQ’s comments to the EPA on its potential ozone designation classification scheme for implementation of the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. TCEQ believes that when the classification thresholds in Table 1 of Section 181 of the Federal Clean Air Act were translated from 1-hour values to 8-hour values, the fundamental differences between the two were not fully considered. For example, the 1-hour standard measured local event spikes whereas the 8-hour standard is much more heavily influenced by background and long-range transport.*

*November 21<sup>st</sup> TCEQ staff recommendation for nonattainment designation backup materials available on TCEQ Web site. TCEQ sent a letter to EPA in August with findings that the initial transition from 1-hour to 8-hour last time showed that most of the areas would be classified as marginal. EPA said that there would be multiple options for*

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*classification that should address any issues with the majority of areas in Texas being designated marginal and having potentially unattainable compliance dates.*

*According to the EPA there is currently no delay in implementation of the new standard from the lawsuits resulting from the new standard.*

*EPA is almost completely certain that there will not be an EAC option with the new standard.*

### **3. 8-hour O3 Flex update**

- **document distribution** – Shana and Cathy have signed O3 Flex documents for distribution to signatories. May be able to distribute the documents at the upcoming CAC meeting. Documents could be sent by mail. **Action Items:** Send list of contacts from HDV idling MOA to Shana to distribute O3 Flex.
- **Semi-annual report** – Report forms are ready to send out. CAPCOG staff will add additional commitments from 8-O3 Flex and add a clause for adding or substituting measures. The deadline for submitting reports will be the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **press event postponed until spring** – Delayed until the spring because of scheduling conflicts with signatories.

### **4. TCEQ nonattainment designation recommendations**

*Draft recommendations from the TCEQ will be available November 21<sup>st</sup>. Depending on what TCEQ recommendations are, it may be good to have a response for the possibility that some counties may want to be opted out if this becomes a possibility. **Action Item:** look at comments from other counties requesting to be exempted from designation recommendations and see if the same argument would be made for counties in the A-RR MSA.*

### **5. Sustainable Skylines grant**

*City of Austin (Fred) sent notification on this grant opportunity. The grant would allow for a region to look at global warming and ozone. Deadline for grant opportunity is December 17<sup>th</sup>, with an optional LOI due November 21<sup>st</sup>. **Action Item:** Send out notice for grant opportunity and set up a conference call for collaboration. Check on availability for next Thursday.*

### **6. LIP funds**

*Potential for using LIP funds for Propane school buses (+/- 6 buses) for Manor ISD. Adele Noel is in discussion with Manor ISD and the Clean School Bus coordinator (Janet Dewey) to work out the details for purchase of buses. **Action Item:** Adele to contact Del Valle ISD about school bus funding.*

### **7. Plan agenda for December 17 CAC meeting**

- **At CAPCOG from 11-1**
- **Should include, at minimum:**
  - **Semi-annual report**

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- **Nonattainment designation update**
- **What else??**

**Action Item:** *add topics for discussion to CAC Agenda:*

- *8-Hour O3 Flex updates (Update on inviting other jurisdictions, etc.)*
- *TERP notice for applications*
- *8-O3 Flex Signing Ceremony*
- *End of Ozone Season Update*
  - *Design Value*
  - *Projection for 2009*
  - *Review of significant proposed legislation*
  - *Other Business*

*Send out Agenda and backup materials one week in advance.*

## **8. End of Ozone Season update**

## **9. Upcoming legislative session**

*Monday was the first day for filing of legislative bills. Donna Howard's office intends to file same air quality bill as last session pertaining to transport of air emissions. Bill Gill sent a summary of the bill to Steve Smelter to evaluate the modeling.*

*TCAWG has a proposal to change LIRAP to expand it five yr old vehicles vs. three yr old, added a definition of alternative fuel vehicles, and expanded funding to alternative fueled vehicles. Also, there are TCAWG white papers on LIRAP and HDV Idling.*

## **10. Other business**

*Email from Fred Blood concerning help for Clean Cities coordinator. Faith and Kristin to help with Clean Cities conference tomorrow (11/14/08).*

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