

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2008 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
CAPCOG Offices
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165
Austin, Texas
Conference Call***

MARKED AGENDA

Attendees: Joel (ESP), Bill Gill, Faith Melgaard, Kristin Hebert, Deanna Altenhoff, Cathy Stephens, Shana Norton, Adele Noel, Natalie (LCRA), Carrie Paige (EPA), Derek Dowdell, and Gary Boyd

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizen Comments

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

TCEQ rep not able to attend

No EPA update from Carrie at this time. She expects to have updates next week, and will forward them on at that time. Bill asked when the monitoring requirements will be available. Carrie said that the monitoring rule that just came out was for exceptional events. Bill asked Carrie to get an update on when the monitoring rule for ozone would be coming out. Cathy asked Carrie to find out when transportation conformity dates would be available.

3. Nonattainment designation process update

On December 10th TCEQ should have their designation recommendations on the Commissioners' Agenda. TCEQ staff recommendations should be available 19 days prior to the Agenda. Bill asked if there was any indication that there would be a comment opportunity after the staff recommendations were known. Deanna stated that she would ask the TCEQ if they were going to be accepting comments and questions. All the designation comments received by the TCEQ are on their Web site under Hot Topics.

4. 8-hour Ozone Flex Program

• Semi-annual reports due Dec. 2008

Section 3.7.2 of the Flex requires that reporting is done at least twice yearly. The first reporting period is May 1st to Oct 31st. Because all signatories had signed off on the agreement by May, the reporting would start with May even though the 03 Flex was not signed by EPA until September 16th. The following steps will be taken by CAPCOG staff towards reporting:

- a. Send out reporting request by beginning of November, due end of Nov.*
- b. Send out Public Notice of reporting after draft report is available.*
- c. Schedule CAC meeting sometime in the beginning of December to discuss Reporting, TCEQ designation, and Legislative issues. Draft should also be*

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available for CAFTAC meetings. **ACTION ITEM** December 12th might be a good day for the CAC meeting since the TCEQ will have had the designation agenda meeting.

- **Press event October 17, 2008**

CAF is in the process of rescheduling the press event due to a scheduling conflict on the 17th.

5. Idling Rule, MOAs and Implementation Plans

- **TCEQ idling rule meeting, opportunity for input re rule changes**

TCEQ gave an overview of the idling program during a meeting on the 6th of October. TCEQ is considering a rule change to exempt armored cars. TCEQ is taking input on rule changes. Dallas is requesting that the rule be applicable year round and include some lighter duty vehicles. TCEQ is requesting comments to be emailed to Theo Kosub with the TCEQ. The City of Houston is also looking to make some changes and might work with the state legislature. Gary Boyd mentioned that the Williamson County is working on their implementation plan, but the completion has been delayed due to some personal business on the part of the attorney reviewing the plan.

5. MSA current design value (changed as of 9/30)

The A-RR MSA design value increased to 77 ppb. Shana stated that the fourth highest in 2009 would need to be under or at 75 ppb to meet the 2008 standard.

6. Workgroup to coordinate outreach and emission reduction efforts for ozone season

Cathy stated that outreach efforts should be coordinated prior to the beginning of next year's ozone season to work on a coherent plan for how to stay in attainment of the new standard. Deanna stated that the CAF Board retreat will have this effort on the agenda.

7. Remote Sensing and Inspection and Maintenance Program

Environmental Systems Products has developed a proposal for possible programs to improve the Texas RS program. Enhancing RS is a part of the O3 Flex. There is a potential to use LIP funds from counties with I/M programs to enhance the RS program, however, the LIP funds require a 50% match. There may be a proposal to the Legislature to change the 50% requirement for programs that are directly related to I/M program.

8. TCAWG Research Committee Legislative Proposals

The Legislative recommendations from TCAWG to be finalized for submittal by the 24th of October. Both NCTCOG and HGAC have submitted proposals which include the I/M program, LIRAP, and TERP – spend all the money that is appropriated for TERP on the program, and provide incentives for retrofits. Once TCAWG has finalized their recommendations, the proposal can be run by the CAC for support/approval.

10. Program Updates and Other Business

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- **CAPCOG Clean School Bus Grant**
CAPCOG was awarded an EPA grant for retrofitting school buses. CAPCOG is working with CAF to administer the grant. In addition to this grant, the TCEQ has indicated that they will allow LIP funds to be matched with EPA grant money for school retrofits. There is a potential for both Travis and Williamson Counties to use the LIP funding to finance some of the retrofits.
- **TERP Call for Projects**
TCEQ is delaying TERP call because of Hurricane Ike. Funding should be available late November.
- **Clean Air Partners**
Candace is working on compiling Partner reporting data. Deanna mentioned that many of the companies are reporting increases, though the total emissions reductions are not available yet. The Austin Business Journal advertisement of participating businesses and overall reductions will be out October 24th.

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