

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
CAPCOG Offices
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165
Austin, Texas
Conference Call***

MARKED AGENDA

Bill Gill (CAPCOG), Kristin Hebert (CAPCOG), Cathy Stephens (CAMPO), Shana Norton (CAMPO), Joel Unverzagt (ESP), Faith Melgaard (CAPCOG), Deanna Altenhoff (CAF), Holly Brightwell (TCEQ), Natalie Hossain (LCRA)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

Carrie Paige of the EPA could not attend but sent an update email on the 180 day ozone standard review and implementation rule (see item no. 4 below). Carrie also stated in her email that the EPA will publish their nonattainment designation recommendations by November 2009. EPA's recommendation will be based on 2006-2008 data. The TCEQ will have until January to submit 2007-2009 QA/QC'd ozone monitoring data for consideration and at that point could recommend that the most recent three year period be used for final designation in March 2010.

TCEQ – Holly with TCEQ mentioned that EPA proposed disapproval of parts of the NSR permitting process. Holly stated that at this point she does not have any additional information on the decision.

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

No additional high days since July. There is still a potential for high ozone days, especially through September.

4. Update on implementing the revised ozone standard

- **180 day ozone standard review** – *officially ends September 16th. The Obama administration will say whether or not they will change the ozone standard.*
- **Implementation Rule** – *EPA is considering splitting the rule into two parts, implementation and classification. There is a possibility that the implementation rule will not be released until the deadline for EPA designation.*

5. EPA proposed disapproval of parts of Texas' NSR Permitting Process

For more information visit www.epa.gov/region6

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Bill mentioned that EPA just announced an opportunity to comment on their enforcement processes. One of the areas for comment is the PSD permitting process. The Clean Air Act requires that for PSD permits the TCEQ evaluate compliance with all NAAQS, but there is currently no review done for ground-level ozone.

Additional information on the EPA enforcement and EPA Texas SIP comment periods can be found on the CAPCOG Web site at the following link:

<http://www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-planning/cacac>

6. Public Outreach Update

- **Ozone watch/warning flags and yard signs**

CAPCOG has 43 ozone action signs still available. Contact bgill@capcog.org if you would like to have a sign.

The City of Austin will be flying ozone action day flags at four City buildings. CLEAN AIR Force is working to get the flags located at additional location throughout Austin. The CLEAN AIR Force is working on determining the pricing for the flags for anyone interested in having one can call Deanna with CLEAN AIR Force at 512-225-7776.

Go to the following Web site to see the ozone action sign and for information on how to order one:

<http://www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-planning/air-quality/>

- **CLEAN AIR Force**

The City of Austin held a press conference on August 18th to advertize the Big Push.

Clean Air Partners Program – Freescale, IBM, and a few others have made BP commitments to increase participation the end of the ozone season.

An RFP was issued for proposals from shuttle companies to run an employer shuttle project. CAF is working on finalizing the selection for the shuttle company.

511 Project – TxDOT is currently working on a 511 transportation project. CAF is working with CAMPO and CapMetro to implement a 511 Web site. Alex Power is working on the Texas 511.

A recent Google article discussed the benefits San Francisco's real estate has seen from the use of shuttle services.

Go to the following Web site to read the Google article about shuttle services:

<http://www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-planning/cacac#Next%20Meeting>

- **Ozone Action Heroes campaign**

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Billboards are up around all five counties. Starting next week CAMPO is working with schools to get them to take the ozone action hero pledge the winning school that gets the most pledges will get an Amy's Ice Cream party. Go to www.ozoneheroes.com

- **Commute Solutions Month**

September is commute solutions month. The two week Commuter Challenge is going on for the next two weeks. Log on to www.rcride.com to sign up for the challenge.

The Commuter Challenge Weirdest Commute will take place next Friday (9/18/09) in the GSD&M parking lot from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more information go to http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001FCYyOBkvYyRR-mAJ7XZ5gpzskwDYJ9frAY1aLCva6usk2GK8S1Zx0FxSfVrz8cwKTRwUh1D06WZE_j8aFEgp-vZ4bYCVAGnlPAbWuINDVIOMtRCBJUaXnFPC4263c4F9TZ7YbiYKVUs%3D

7. Clean Air Coalition Update

- **Letter inviting new jurisdictions to join**

A letter inviting new members to join the Coalition will be sent to all jurisdictions, which are not already CAC members, that signed a Big Push resolution.

- **CAC Bylaws revision**

CAPCOG will send an email to the Coalition for approval of the by-laws changes and run the invitation letter by them. Cathy suggested that the email also include information about the ozone action signs that are available and information about recent developments with the EPA designation process (see item 2 above).

8. Update on Idling Limits

- **Exemption for idling during rest period has expired, need to update ordinances?**

The sleeper berth exemption in the idling rule expired as of September 1st. For more information visit www.engineoff.org.

- **Effect on enforcement**

CAPCOG staff is working with TCEQ to determine how to proceed with local enforcement of the idling rule.

- **DERA grant opportunity**

Blue Skyways fund will be available later this year for diesel emissions reductions. CAPCOG and partners are looking at the possibility of applying for funds to purchase idling reduction equipment for heavy duty vehicles to use at truck stops in the MSA.

9. Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Update

From January – August 2009, 1,498 applications for LIRAP were received by Travis County. 280 applications were approved for repairs and 818 replacement vouchers were issued. To date, 315 replacement vouchers have been redeemed.

NCTCOG is working with DPS on a pilot remote sensing project for I/M performance evaluation. Travis County is also looking into using LIP funds to do a similar pilot project. Travis County is currently working with the TCEQ to determine what the match requirement will be for the use of LIP funds for an I/M enforcement pilot project.

10. Other Business

*You may join the meeting via conference call by dialing 512.974.9300 and pressing 123568 at the prompt.

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