

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee  
Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm  
CAPCOG Offices  
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165  
Austin, Texas  
Conference Call\***

**MARKED AGENDA**

*Attendees: Shana Norton, Cathy Stephens, Bill Gill, Faith Melgaard, Kristin Parsons, Tom Weber, Andrew Hoekzema, Natalie Hossain, Deanna Altenhoff, Joel Unverzagt, Gary Boyd, and Carrie Paige*

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

**2. EPA Update**

**• NO<sub>2</sub> Standard**

*The final NO<sub>2</sub> Rule has been adopted. A new NO<sub>2</sub> monitor will be required along IH35 the monitor will have to meet the 1-hour standard of 100 ppb to be in compliance. The current community based monitors in the Austin area are not monitoring levels that are out of compliance with the new standard.*

*Cathy asked what area (entire MSA or roadway) would be designated nonattainment if one of a roadway monitor was out of compliance. Carrie said that she is not certain on this question, but would get back to the group.*

*Information on the NO<sub>2</sub> standard can be found at the following link:*

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

**• Proposed Ozone Standard Revision**

*A public hearing was held by the EPA in Houston on the proposed ozone standards. Bill Gill attended the public hearing in Houston and noted that there were a lot of individuals that came to comment on the need to strengthen the standards for health reasons, though they were not providing specific scientific data. There were also some industry groups that were in favor of the standards not being changed but instead left at the 1997 level. And there were also environmental groups in attendance who stated that the standard should be lowered to 60 ppb.*

*Carrie Paige with EPA joined the conference call and stated that the comment period of proposed standard will be open till March 22, 2010. If oral comments and written comments are both submitted, Carrie stated that both would be considered.*

*The next opportunity to comment on the proposed standards will be when the implementation rule is proposed. The rule should be proposed in June 2010.*

*Bill asked for the secondary standard how many rural monitors are out there and asked how the EPA will be determining nonattainment with rural monitors. Carrie stated that*

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*this is something they are looking into and will report back with any developments she is able to share.*

*Bill referenced the comments TCEQ submitted in 2008 on the classification scheme for the 2008 standard of 75 ppb. TCEQ's comments can be found here:*

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

- **Other**

*No discussion or comments*

### **3. TCEQ Update**

- **TCEQ Ozone Standard Revision Comments**

*Andrew Hoekzema with TCEQ stated that the TCEQ is coordinating comments on the ozone proposal that are likely to be beyond the comments made by Dr. Honeycutt at the EPA hearing. Andrew said that he will update the CACAC once he knows what the formal designation comment period for TCEQ's designation recommendations will be. If there are any informal comments that anyone would like to submit they can send them to Andrew Hoekzema at [ahoekzem@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:ahoekzem@tceq.state.tx.us).*

*Dr. Honeycutt's verbal comments during the EPA public hearing can be found at the following link: [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm\\_exec/communication/media/02-10HoneycuttEPA2-2](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/communication/media/02-10HoneycuttEPA2-2)*

- **Other**

*No discussion or comments*

### **4. Draft CAC Comments on Proposed Ozone Standard Revision**

*The DRAFT CAC comments can be found here*

*<http://www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-planning/cacac#Next%20Meeting>. The comments will be finalized at the CAC meeting to be held on March 10, 2010.*

*Discussion took place on the difference between transport and background and how they should be addressed in the comments. Tom Weber stated that they should be separated in the comments for clarity. Bill and Cathy mentioned that if comments are made to EPA about intrastate transport they are likely to reply that states are required to address this type of transport. Bill stated that the comments to EPA should address using a mechanism like CAIR to reduce interstate transport. Transported Anthropogenic Background may be a good term to use to differentiate between what EPA includes in policy relevant background.*

*Shana suggested that a reference and footnote be added for the definition of public welfare. Also, Cathy stated that she does not think that the location for the definition of public welfare is in the CAA so the comment should be changed to reflect this.*

*Cathy stated that we need to make sure and include a statement that the entire definition of public welfare has not been addressed. Cathy will submit additional comments for improvement to this section of the comments.*

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*For the comments on Multi-pollutant Approach Cathy Stephens had a few suggestions for improvements that have been included in the latest version. Bill suggested that maybe this section ought to reference interpollutant relationships and interaction.*

*Gary Boyd stated that Williamson County will be having their comments to EPA on the Commissioners' agenda March 2, 2010.*

*Travis County will have a work session on their comments February 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday 1:30 p.m. Tom Weber invited both Gary Boyd and Bill Gill to come to the session and would also like to have someone from Hays County attend.*

*Bill Gill will be giving a briefing to the Hays Counties Commissioners' court next Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.*

## **5. Next CAC meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 1:30 at CAPCOG**

- **Agenda**

- **Regular quarterly meetings**

*At the next CAC meeting we will discuss the interest in holding quarterly meetings. Andrew Hoekzema stated that senior level TCEQ staff has wanted to attend the CAC meetings, but have not been able to because of the conflict with the TCEQ Commissioners' agenda. Bill stated that Wednesdays have been the best day for meetings in the past because of local elected officials' schedules, but there is a possibility that meetings could be held on some Fridays in the future. CAPCOG staff will work to accommodate TCEQ staff's attendance in the future.*

## **6. Importance of Upcoming Ozone Season**

- **Possible action under existing standard**

*If the 2010 EPA ozone standard proposal is delayed beyond the one year period for delaying designation of the 2008 75 ppb standard (March 2011), there is a possibility that 2010 could become another key year since it would be used in determining compliance with the 75 ppb standard.*

- **Influence classification under proposed standard**

## **7. CAPCOG Near-Nonattainment Work Plan**

*Andrew Hoekzema stated that his comments on the CAPCOG work plan were submitted to Rider 8 staff. Andrew stated that the overall priorities to Rider 8 plan are to be geared towards SIP development.*

*Bill mentioned to Deanna, with the CLEAN AIR Force, that CAPCOG will also need to be working with them to get the word out to the public about the work conducted under the near nonattainment grant.*

## **8. Other Business**

*No discussion or comments*

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