

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
CAPCOG Offices
6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Suite 165
Austin, Texas
Conference Call***

MARKED AGENDA

Attendees: Cathy Stephens, Shana Norton, Scheleen Walker, Carrie Paige, Andrew Hoekzema, Colin Barth, Gary Boyd, Bob Vantil, Larry McGinnis, Deanna Altenhoff, Bill Gill, Faith Melgaard, and Kristin Parsons

1. Welcome, Introductions and Citizens Comments

2. EPA and TCEQ Update

*Carrie referenced the schedule for the proposed ozone standard located at the following link:
<http://www.capcog.org/documents/airquality/cacac/january2010/2010-01-07%20Agenda%20Item%203%20Expected%20Dates%20for%20the%202010%20Ozone%20Standard.pdf>*

Look for notice of the proposed ground-level ozone standards starting Tuesday of next week in the Federal Register. Final rule making for NO₂ primary standard will be available next week.

Public comment on the ozone standard will be available twice:

- *1st for 60 days after proposal is published in the federal register.*
- *2nd 60 days again when the implementation rule is release*

The TCEQ will be working on figuring out what the public comment period will be for their designation recommendation to EPA. Prior to this time, comments can be sent informally to Andrew Hoekzema with TCEQ at ahoekzema@tceq.state.tx.us.

*Information about calculating the secondary standard can be found on page 437 of the ozone rule proposal located at the following link:
<http://www.epa.gov/air/ozonepollution/pdfs/20100106fr.pdf>*

3. Review of CAC meeting (including action items)

The following are action items that resulted from the Clean Air Coalition meeting on January 13, 2009:

- *Developing comments to submit to EPA on the proposed ozone standards based on updates to the previous comments. A solicitation for comments will be sent to CAC members and draft comments will be developed prior to the next meeting.*

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- *Finalize letter to EPA concerning monitoring policy. The letter will be addressed to the TCEQ Executive Director and copy sent to the division director for monitoring operations.*

The next CAC meeting will be held on February 10th to discuss the comments to EPA.

For details on discussion during the CAC meeting see the marked agenda located at <http://www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-planning/clean-air-coalition>

4. Discussion of EPA's proposed standards and comment period

See backup material located on the CACAC Web site at <http://www.capcog.org/divisions/regional-planning/cacac>

5. Planning for 2010 Ozone Season

- **Maximize effectiveness of current measures**

Discussion of sticker fraud enforcement to maximize effectiveness of I/M program and increased efforts on idling rule enforcement – work with jurisdictions to step up enforcement of MOAs.

Andrew Hoekzema with TCEQ will try to find out if there are any impacts on the idling MOA from the removal of the sleeper berth exemption.

- **Consider additional measures**

CLEAN AIR Force working on a shuttle pilot project to help reduce on-road emissions. Program would encourage employees to take advantage of pretax allowance to pay for shuttle service. Hope to start project by June 1st. Cost to employees would be somewhere around \$7-12 per day. Cost is not finalized yet.

Andrew with TCEQ mentioned that energy efficiency measure in the past have been difficult to determine, but one project that might work would be to work up an agreed order with energy providers to reduce usage.

A suggestion was made to look at working with companies to reduce emissions from drive-thrus.

Lawn and garden outreach activities may also be undertaken, Colin Barth with TCEQ will send information about Texas Growers Industry. TGI has a February 26th state-wide growers summit that could be a good opportunity to get out information about reducing emissions associated with landscaping.

Bill mentioned that there is a need to reach companies that are hiring landscapers and work to educate them on issues associated with landscaping.

City of Austin and NCTCOG may have programs in place that would be a good source of information for landscaping policies.

Need to develop a profile of clean equipment to provide advice on way to reduce landscaping emissions.

- **Include measures implemented by new CAC jurisdictions**
Action Item: *Need to check with new members, Georgetown, Taylor, and Sunset Valley, to determine what types of voluntary emission reduction measures they may already be doing.*

6. Ozone Monitor Update

- **Lake Georgetown**
Action Item: *Bill to contact Williamson County to discuss the possibility/implications of the Georgetown monitor becoming a regulatory monitor.*

Scott Johnson gave public comment concerning encouraging use of clean landscaping equipment.

- **Murchison**

7. Discussion of CAPCOG/TCEQ Draft Work Plan 2010-2011

Scott Johnson commented that he would like to work through some of the elected officials to have presentation at the CAC meeting to discuss land use and planning and the long-term air quality issues. Cathy mentioned that the CAMPO Board may be able to accommodate a discussion like this by having staff that are working on this type of issue to give a presentation. Bill stated that if the CAC meetings are changed to quarterly then there may be an opportunity to cover a topic like this.

Scott Johnson suggested putting a recommended voluntary measure into the 8-hour O3 Flex to limit leaf blowing.

Scott also mentioned that funds are available through Clean Cities to buy down the cost of propane lawn mowers. For an informative brochure you can contact Scott Johnson 512.389-2250.

Gary Boyd with Williamson County mentioned that they are working on purchasing some alternative fueled landscaping equipment.

8. Other business

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