MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, October 27, 2016 – 2:00 P.M.
Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77027 (Conference Rooms 2B and 2C)

MEMBERS PRESENT
Air Alliance Houston – Adrian Shelley
Associated General Contractors – Dale Kornegay
City of Houston – Paresh Lad
City of Houston – Phillip Goodwin
City of La Porte – Kristen Gauthier
City of Sugar Land – Ilana Harris
City of Texas City – Gary Scoogin
Dow Chemical Company – Jarod Davis
Greater Houston Partnership – Steven Hansen
Harris County – Paula Warren
League of Women Voters of Houston – Laura Blackburn
Port of Houston Authority – Leah Oberlin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
Brazoria Bounty – Joe Ripple
East Harris County Manufacturers Association – Craig Beskid
Environmental Defense Fund – Elena Craft
Galveston County – Ronnie Schultz
Harris County – Jacque Darbonne
Houston Advance Research Center – Eduardo Olaguer
Liberty County – Richard Brown
Matagorda County – Mitch Thomas
Metropolitan Transit Authority – Edmund J. Petry
Montgomery County – Mike Lindsey
Texas Department of Transportation – Andy Mao
Union Pacific Railroad – Melissa Hagan

ALTERNATES PRESENT
American Lung Association – Paulette Wolfson
City of Houston – Tanwir Badar
Dow Chemical Company – Leann Platt
ExxonMobil Corporation – Kelly Coppola
Harris County – Stuart Mueller

STAFF PRESENT
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Crystal Thomas
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Shelley Whitworth
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Yue Zhang
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Steve Dayton
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Carl Young

CALL TO ORDER
1. Introductions – Chairman Dale Kornegay
   a. The RAQPAC meeting was called to order at 2:07 P.M. followed by an official welcome to all in attendance.

2. Approval of Meeting Summaries – Chairman Dale Kornegay
   a. Approval of September 29, 2015 meeting summary was approved as presented.

AGENCY REPORTS
1. EPA Update – Carl Young
   a. The Proposal to Reclassify the Houston Ozone Nonattainment Area and Set January 1, 2017 as the State Implementation Plan (SIP) Due Date
   The comment period for the EPA proposal to reclassify the Houston ozone nonattainment area and set January 1, 2017 as the SIP due date closes October 27, 2016.

   In a September 27, 2016 Federal Register notice EPA proposed to:
   • Reclassify the area from Marginal to Moderate for the 2008 ozone standard
   • Set a Moderate area attainment deadline of July 20, 2018
• Require a revision to the SIP, which would include a plan for attaining the standard no later than the attainment deadline (attainment demonstration)
• Set a SIP due date of January 1, 2017

The proposal can be found in the regulations.gov website under docket EPA-R06-OAR-2016-0275.

b. Control Techniques Guidelines (CTGs) for Oil and Natural Gas Industry
In the On October 20 EPA issued final CTGs for reducing volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from existing oil and natural gas equipment and processes in ozone nonattainment areas.

For ozone nonattainment areas classified as “Moderate” and above the Clean Air Act requires Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) to limit VOC emissions from existing sources that are covered by a CTG. EPA defines RACT as the lowest emissions limit a particular source can meet by applying technology that is reasonably available, considering both technological and economic feasibility. CTGs are not regulations and do not impose legal requirements directly on pollution sources; rather, they provide recommendations for states to consider as they determine what emissions limits to apply to meet RACT requirements.


https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/2016-control-techniques-guidelines-oil-and
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c. Final Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update
On September 7, 2016, EPA finalized

On October 26 an update to the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) for the 2008 ozone standard was published in the Federal Register. Starting in May 2017, this rule will reduce summertime emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) from power plants in Texas and 21 states in the eastern U.S. (Summer time for the rule is considered to May - September). The purpose of the CSAPR update is to reduce air quality impacts of ozone pollution that crosses state lines and help downwind areas meet and maintain the 2008 ozone standard.

More information on the CSAPR update can be found at www.epa.gov/airmarkets/final-cross-state-air-pollution-rule-update.

2. TCEQ Update
None

3. Regional Air Quality Monitoring Update – Andrew DeCandis
a. TCEQ Regional 12 Ambient Air Monitoring Report
www.epa.gov/airdata/ad_rep_mon.html
• The Ozone 8-Hour Exceedance Day were 3 during the month of September.
• The Ozone 1-Hour Exceedance Day was 0 during the month of September.
• The Clinton Drive Monitor Preliminary PM Monthly Average was 8.98 micrograms/M3 PM during the month of September.

PRESENTATIONS
1. TERP Background for the Upcoming Legislative Session – Tod Wickersham
a. Mr. Tod Wickersham with Beneficial Results, LLC conveyed information regarding the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Background for the Upcoming Legislative Session.
2. Update to SIP Timeline – **Shelley Whitworth**
   - 2008 Ozone Standard: Marginal Attainment Date, EPA Reclassified to Moderate, Moderate SIP Due to EPA, EPA Finds Mobile Emission Vehicle Budget(s) Adequate in 90 days, Moderate Attainment Deadline Based on 2017 Monitor Data & Potential Serious Attainment Deadline if Standard Still in Place
   - TCEQ Commissioners Acted September 21, 2016 to Accept Public Comment on SIP from September 23-24, 2016
   - Once Budgets are Deemed Adequate Must Utilize for Conformity

**ACTION ITEM**
None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**
1. H-GAC Update – **Shelley Whitworth**
   a. H-GAC General
      - The Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Stakeholder meeting was held on October 4, 2016.
      - The NGV Alliance meeting was held on October 5 & 6, 2016.
      - H-GAC staff is currently working with TCEQ and other entities regarding Mobil Emission Reduction Credits and the development of Alternative Control Strategies.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**
1. Meetings and Events
   a. November 9, 2016 – Air Alliance Houston 2016 Stat of the Air Luncheon

**NEW BUSINESS**
1. Next Meeting – **Chairman Dale Kornegay**
   a. RAQPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**
1. Closing – **Chairman Dale Kornegay**
   a. The RAQPAC meeting was adjourned at 3:23 P.M.