

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, June 26, 2008
H-GAC Conference Room A
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Airiohuodion (Alternate), Jed Anderson, Craig Beskid, Dana Blume, Rhonda Boyer, Dale Kornegay (Alternate), Paul Newman (Alternate), Karl Pepple, Ronald Schultz, G. Michael White, Beth Whitehead, and Paulette Wolfson, Julie Woodard

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Angelone (H-GAC), Lola Brown (TCEQ), Andrew DeCandis (H-GAC), Graciela Lubertino (H-GAC), Christine Smith (H-GAC), Shelly Whitworth (H-GAC), and Carl Young (EPA)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Catarina Cron, Dee Ann Haney, Steve Kilpatrick, Matthew Kuryla, Sandra Pickett, Ruby Lee Sanders, Betin Santos, Adam Smith, Beth Whitehead, and Mary Ellen Whitworth

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order and all members were welcomed for attending.

APPROVE MEETING SUMMARY

March 27, 2008 meeting summary was motioned, seconded, and approved. Karl Pepple requested that additional information be added to the "On-Road and Off-Road Mobile Control Strategies Update – Policy Subcommittee" section of the May 29, 2008 summary to include the conversation which occurred during this segment. Additions will be made, and the report will be resubmitted at the July 31, 2008 meeting.

AGENCY REPORTS:

TCEQ UPDATE – Lola Brown, TCEQ

Ms. Lola Brown began her update by reporting that TCEQ is working with H-GAC to prepare control measures for the HGB SIP. The remainder of the Report consisted of brief questions and comments regarding the SIP.

EPA UPDATE – Carl Young, EPA

Mr. Carl Young's update included the following points:

- An EPA decision on reclassification of the HGB region from moderate to severe ozone nonattainment has been delayed until early July.
- Classification for the new 0.075ppm ozone standard is moving ahead as scheduled despite current litigation regarding this new standard.
- EPA is still developing the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for greenhouse gases. I will provide detailed information once the ANPR has been published in the federal register. When this happens, there will be media conference calls that the general public can listen to.

Brief questions and comments followed the update report.

PRESENTATION:

AN OVERVIEW OF SIP CONTROL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT – Graciela Lubertino, H-GAC
and

DISCUSSION ITEM:

ON AND OFF ROAD MOBILE CONTROL STRATEGIES

(Please refer to handout.) Ms. Graciela Lubertino delivered her presentation “Overview of SIP Control Strategy Development for On and Off-Road Sources”. Ms. Lubertino spoke on information such as: 1.) Preliminary 2005 Houston-Galveston-Brazoria NOx Modeling Inventory 2.) 2005Houston-Galveston-Brazoria VOC Emissions Inventory 3.) Preliminary 2005 Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Non-Road NOx Modeling Inventory 4.) Creation of Mobile Source Emission Reduction Plan – Master List 5.) HGB Master List 6.) Criteria for Inclusion as a Short List Strategy 7.) Creation of Short List

The presentation included several charts, maps and studies. Should you have questions regarding this presentation you can contact Graciela Lubertino at graciela.lubertino@h-gac.com or (713) 627-3200.

A lively discussion followed this presentation:

- RAQPC members requested information from TCEQ regarding when inventory modeling for the HGB SIP will be complete. TCEQ representatives indicated that it is unclear when this will be completed.
- Jed Anderson made a motion to request that RAQPC no longer work on the SIP. This motion was tabled later in the discussion.
- Committee members requested clarification on the hierarchy of criteria that will be used to shorten the list of control strategies from the Master List to the Short List. Will the criteria mentioned in Ms. Lubertino’s presentation (permanent, surplus, quantifiable, enforceable, feasible or practical, acceptable to the public, degree of emission reductions possible, and cost effective) be applied sequentially or in bulk? Ms. Lubertino replied that they will be applied in bulk.
- Committee members also requested confirmation that H-GAC would take all comments into consideration.
- H-GAC indicated that they would like RAQPC to issue comments to the H-GAC Boards on the Master List at the July 31, 2008 meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

H-GAC DIRECTION – *Shelley Whitworth, H-GAC*

Ms. Shelley Whitworth began H-GAC’s Direction by informing the committee that:

- H-GAC is currently working on revising an application to enter into a third-party TERP grant with TCEQ.
- Due to increases in fuel costs, all of the activities in the Commute Solutions program have seen a significant uptick in participation.
- The Clean Vehicles program recently held the Advancing the Choice conference at the Stafford Center in Stafford, TX. Approximately 120 participants took part in the meeting.

No questions or comments followed this information item.

CONFORMITY UPDATE – *Graciela Lubertino, H-GAC*

In this Conformity Update, Ms. Graciela Lubertino stated that the current conformity round has been completed and submitted to the H-GAC board for approval

No questions or comments followed this information item.

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – *Karl Pepple, City of Houston*

Mr. Karl Pepple stated that since the Policy Subcommittee has not met since the last RAQPC meeting, there is no report at this meeting.

No questions or comments followed this information item.

AIR QUALITY REPORT – *Diana Sullivan, TCEQ*

(Please refer to handout.) Ms. Diana Sullivan was unable to make it to this meeting so no Houston Air Quality Report was delivered.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No Public Comments announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- No Announcements made.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The next RAQPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

ADJOURN

- If you have an item you wish to be added to the agenda for a future meeting, please e-mail Andrew DeCandis at andrew.decandis@h-gac.com.