

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, May 26, 2011 – 2:00 P.M.
Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Room A, Houston, Texas 77027

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stuart Mueller (*Alternate for Bob Allen*)
Laura Blackburn
Arturo Blanco
Dana Blume
Mike Lindsey (*Via Phone*)
(*Alternate for Pat Buzbee*)
Lisa Chisholm (*Via Phone*)
Steven Hansen (*Via Phone*)
Robert Lanham
Mark McClelland

Gail Miller
Snehal Patel
Dawn Steph (*Via Phone*)
Shae Cottar (*Via Phone*) (*Alternate for Matthew Tejada*)
Marise Textor
Julie Woodard
Paulette Wolfson (*Alternate for Citizens and Environmental*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Carl Young (EPA) (*Via Phone*)
Lola Brown (TCEQ) (*Via Phone*)
Allison Carr (H-GAC)

Ben Finley (H-GAC)
Crystal Thomas (H-GAC)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Craig Beskid
Elena Craft
Melissa Hagan
Jim Lester
Edmond J. Petry

Ceil Price
Ron Sandberg
Ronnie Schultz
Jeff Suggs
Rakesh Tripathi

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Chairman Robert Lanham officially called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M.
2. Chairman Robert Lanham welcomed all people in attendance.
3. Approval of the April 28, 2011 meeting summary.
 - a. The April 28, 2011 meeting summary was motioned, seconded, and approved with no amendment.
4. Committee Sector Representative Updates
 - a. Mr. Bob Allen – Member
 - b. Ms. Gail Miller – Member
 - c. Mr. Stuart Mueller – Alternate
 - d. Ms. Snehal Patel – Member
 - e. Ms. Paulette Wolfson – Temporary replacement for American Lung Association until further notice.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. EPA Update – *Mr. Carl Young*
 - a. Proposal for Air Toxic Emissions Standards for Polyvinyl Chloride Production Facilities

Last month's report to RAQPC included a discussion on the results of air toxics monitoring at the Young Scholars Academy in Houston. There were questions about timing for reports on air toxics monitoring for schools in Deer Park and other areas in the U.S. The Deer Park samples were taken near San Jacinto Elementary School and Deer Park Junior High School.

The reports for Deer Park and several other schools in the U.S. are still being developed. EPA does not have a date for when they will be finished. However, the target is to have all reports completed by the end of September 2011.

More information, including the proposal, a fact sheet and information about the public hearings, can be found at: www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/pvc/pvcpg.html.

b. Proposed Rules for Power Plants

The proposed rule to replace the Clean Air Mercury Rule which was published in the May 3 Federal Register. The comment period for this proposal closes July 5.

More information is available at: www.epa.gov/airquality/powerplanttoxics.

c. Recent Rules on Boilers and Certain Incinerators

EPA published final rules regulating emissions from:

- 1) Industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process (the "Major Source Boiler MACT rule"), and
- 2) Commercial and industrial solid waste incineration units (the "CISWI Rule").

EPA finalized the rules to meet court deadlines, but recognizes that further public review and feedback on the rules is needed.

On the same day the rules were issued, EPA published a notice explaining that they were going to propose reconsideration of certain aspects of both rules. Later, EPA received petitions for judicial review of the rules.

EPA has delayed the effective date of the rules, and intends to continue the delay until the proceedings for judicial review are finished or when the reconsideration of the rules is completed.

More information on these rules and the reconsideration is available at: www.epa.gov/airquality/combustion.

d. Timing for Air Toxics Reports for Schools in Deer Park and Other Areas

The proposal to require toxic emission reductions from facilities that produce polyvinyl chloride (PVC) was published in the Federal Register on May 20. The comment period for the proposal closes July 19. Public hearings for the proposal will be held on June 7, 2011, in Houston, and on June 9, 2011, in Baton Rouge.

The Houston public hearing will be held at the Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. with a lunch break from 12:30 to 2:00 and a dinner break from 5:00 to 6:30.

Our website www.epa.gov/schoolair/schools.html identifies what schools have been monitored and the status of the reports.

2. TCEQ Update – Ms. Lola Brown

a. Determination Regarding Termination of the One-Hour Ozone Section 185 Fee Obligation for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) Area

On May 9, 2011, the TCEQ sent a letter to the EPA regarding the pending request for a Determination Regarding Termination of the One-Hour Ozone Section 185 Fee Obligation for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) area that was submitted to the on May 20, 2010, requesting that the EPA act in a timely manner on the request.

b. Disapproval of the Texas SIP Revision Regarding PM_{2.5}

On May 13, 2011, the TCEQ submitted comments regarding the EPA's proposed disapproval of Texas' state implementation plan (SIP) revision addressing infrastructure requirements for the 2006 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

Additional information is available on the Air Pollution from Particulate Matter Web page: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-pm>

c. Comprehensive Flare Study

A Flare Task Force Stakeholder Group meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2011, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in Houston at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Conference Room A. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the content of the 2010 Flare Study Draft Report. The TCEQ will also be accepting informal written comments on the draft report until June 6, 2011.

d. Commissioners' Agenda

The following items are scheduled for proposal at the June 8, 2011, commissioners' agenda. The documents for these items will be filed with the Chief Clerk's Office on May 20, 2011.

- Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Analysis Update SIP Revision (Project No. 2010-028-SIP-NR). This revision focuses specifically on the seven Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) documents issued by the EPA from 2006 through 2008 that have not been addressed in the HGB attainment demonstration SIP revision adopted March 10, 2010. Contact: Lola Brown, (512) 239-0348, Lola.Brown@tceq.texas.gov.
- Chapter 115 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) RACT Rule Revisions (Rule Project No. 2010-016-115-EN). The proposed rulemaking would implement RACT for flexible package printing; industrial cleaning solvents; large appliance coatings; metal furniture coatings; paper, film, and foil coatings; miscellaneous industrial adhesives; and miscellaneous metal and plastic parts coatings in the HGB area. Contact: Francis Dowiak, (512) 239-3931, Francis.Dowiak@tceq.texas.gov.
- Chapter 115 VOC Storage Rule Revision (Rule Project No. 2010-025-115-EN). Revisions applicable in the HGB area would: specify design, operation, and monitoring requirements for vapor recovery units and currently unlisted control devices; require flares to meet federal design and operational requirements and

to be lit when receiving vapors; require a design or control efficiency demonstration for certain control devices currently required to maintain 90% VOC reduction; and clarify what maintenance or inspection operations qualify for allowed floating roof landings, limit the allowed time, and minimize the VOC emissions. Contact Dr. Bob Gifford, (512) 239-3149, Bob.Gifford@tceq.texas.gov.

The documents associated with these items are available on the Commissioners' Agenda Web page: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/agendas/comm/comm_agendas.html

e. Flare Taskforce

A Flare Task Force Stakeholder Group meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2011, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in Houston at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Conference Room A. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the content of the 2010 Flare Study Draft Report. The TCEQ will also be accepting informal written comments on the draft report until June 6, 2011.

Additional information about the Flare Task Force Stakeholder Group and the upcoming stakeholder meeting is available on the Flare Task Force Stakeholder Group Web page: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source/stationary-rules/flare_stakeholder.html

f. South Texas Photochemical Modeling Technical Committee

The next Southeast Texas Photochemical Modeling Technical Committee (SETPMTC) meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2011.

More information is available on the [SETPMTC Web page](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/airmod/committee/pmtc_set.html): http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/airmod/committee/pmtc_set.html or contact Dick Karp at (512) 239-1462, Dick.Karp@tceq.texas.gov.

3. Regional Ozone Update – Mr. Ben Finley

- a. Mr. Claudio Galli reported the HGB area has had 2 days of exceeding 8-hour ozone standard at the regulatory stations, and did not exceed the 1-hour ozone standard.
- b. TCEQ website reported the HGB area has had 4 days of exceeding 8-hour ozone standard at the regulatory stations. It has had 1 day exceeding the 1-hour ozone standard at a non-regulatory station.
- c. The variances between both reports may be the result of unverified data or different ozone standards.

4. Legislative Update – Mr. Ben Finley

- a. RAQPC has tracked the following Legislature Bills changes that have occurred as of Thursday, May 19, 2011.
 - i. HB 664 (Larson) – Metropolitan Planning Organizations and its Amendment which will only apply to San Antonio has passed both House and Senate. The HB 664 will be removed from RAQPC's tracking list.
 - ii. H 1 (Pitts) / SB 1 (Ogden) – General Appropriations has passed both House and Senate and is currently in the reconciliation stage.

- iii. HB 1145 (Geren) – Projects Funded through TERP was tabled and incorporated by SB 527 which was passed and signed in early May 2011. TERP financial filtrations for Air Monitoring in Regions 3 and 4 are \$7 million for 2012, \$7 million for 2013, and \$3 million cap for 2014.

Portions of TERP are allocated as follows:

- 4% - Clean School Bus Program
 - 10% - On-Road Projects
 - 1.5% - Lab Work for Research
 - 5% - Clean Vehicle Fleet Program
- iv. HB 630 (Pickett) – Environmental Review has passed both House and Senate and is currently in the reconciliation stage.
 - v. SB 135 (Wentworth) – Transportation Funding is currently in the House and Senate. The House Bill companion has passed House and is currently waiting to pass Senate.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Vote on Approval of Comment on Revises New Performance Standards (NSPS) on Electrical Utility Steam Generating Units (EGU)**
 - a. The action to accept the Comment on Revises New Performance Standards (NSPS) on Electrical Utility Steam Generating Units (EGU) was approved as amended.
2. **Election of Officers**
 - a. The motion to accept Ms. Elena Craft as Chair was seconded and anonymously approved.
 - b. The motion to accept Mr. Arturo Blanco as Vice Chair was seconded and anonymously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **Idle Reduction Taskforce Update – Mr. Ben Finley**
 - a. H-GAC staff distributed immense information to members for absorption.
2. **H-GAC Update – Ms. Shelley Whitworth**
 - a. **H-GAC Board**
 - i. H-GAC Board approved \$3,447,711 of various funds to replace 40 diesel engines for a NO_x reduction of 28.6 tpy.
 - ii. H-GAC Board approved to select a consultant to enhance the Together Against the Weather campaign. The campaign will help determine evacuation needs and assistance.
 - iii. H-GAC Board approved to enter into a Subregional Planning Initiative with Greater West Houston and METRO. The Subregional Planning Initiative will identify specific projects to go into Regional Transportation Plans.
 - iv. H-GAC Board approved to extend the Teens in the Driver Seat Program. Teens in the Driver Seat Program is sponsored by TxDOT and address driver safety for beginner drivers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. June 06, 2011 – The Houston Bar Association Annual Luncheon at 11:30A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- b. June 06, 2011 – (Comment Deadline) Keystone Pipeline Projects regarding Supplemental EIS Issued
- c. Harris County Environmental Inquires should be directed to Ms. Snehal Patel.
- d. Chairman Robert Lanham gave closing remarks as serving Chair for the past year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The next RAQPC meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

The RAQPC Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 P.M.