

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, July 28, 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)

Arturo Blanco (Via Phone)

Dana Blume (Via Phone)

Pat Buzbee

Lisa Chisholm (Via Phone)

Elena Craft

Beth Whitehead Everage (Alternate for Steven Hansen)

Dan Hoyt

Paulette Wolfson (Alternate for Dan Hoyt)

Dale Kornegay (Alternate for Bob Lanham)

Gail Miller (Via Phone)

Snehal Patel

Carole Lamont (Alternate for Snehal Patel) (Via Phone)

Edmond J. Petry (Via Phone)

Ron Sandberg

Dawn Steph (Via Phone)

Marise Textor (Via Phone)

Charles Airiohuodion (Alternate for Rakesh Tripathi)

STAFF PRESENT:

Claudio Galli (TCEQ)

Lola Brown (TCEQ) (Via Phone)

Angela Kissel (TCEQ) (Via Phone)

Marissa Gonzales (TCEQ) (Via Phone)

Zhaohua Fang (TCEQ) (Via Phone)

Guy Donaldson (EPA) (Via Phone)

Shelley Whitworth (H-GAC)

Allison Carr (H-GAC)

Ben Finley (H-GAC)

Crystal Thomas (H-GAC)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Craig Beskid

Laura Blackburn

Melissa Hagan

Jim Lester

Mark McClelland

Ceil Price

Ronnie Schultz

Jeff Suggs

Matthew Tejada

Julie Woodard

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Elena Craft officially called the meeting to order at 2:01P.M.
2. Chair Elena Craft welcomed all people in attendance.
3. Approval of the June 30, 2011 meeting summary.
 - a. The June 30, 2011 meeting summary was motioned, seconded, and approved with no amendment.

AGENCY REPORTS

1. TCEQ Update – Ms. Lola Brown

a. Public Hearings

Public hearings on the following proposals were held in Houston on July 18, 2011, and in Austin on July 22, 2011. The public comment period has been extended to August 8, 2011. For more information, including instructions on how to submit comments, please visit the TCEQ's Houston-Galveston-Brazoria: Ozone Latest Planning Web page or the Rules Proposals Web page.

- i. Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Analysis Update State Implementation Plan Revision (Project No. 2010-028-SIP-NR). Contact Lola Brown at (512) 239-0348 or Lola.Brown@tceq.texas.gov for more information.
 - ii. 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 115 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) RACT Rule Revisions (Rule Project No. 2010-016-115-EN). Contact Francis Dowiak at (512) 239-3931 or Francis.Dowiak@tceq.texas.gov for more information.
 - iii. 30 TAC Chapter 115 VOC Storage Rule Revision (Rule Project No. 2010-025-115-EN). Contact Dr. Bob Gifford at (512) 239-3149 or Bob.Gifford@tceq.texas.gov for more information.
- b. Comprehensive Flare Study
The Flare Task Force Stakeholder Group Web page has been updated to include a document explaining the anticipated revisions to the 2010 Flare Study based on the informal stakeholder comments received by June 20, 2011. The document can be found under the Minutes and Agendas of Past Meetings for June 27, 2011 on the Flare Task Force Stakeholder Group Web.
- c. Commissioners' Agenda
On July 20, 2011, the commissioners approved adoption of the Title V Air Emissions Fees rule revision to 30 TAC Chapter 101 (Rule Project No. 2011-006-101-EN). Contact Kathy Pendleton at (512) 239-1936 or Kathy.Pendleton@tceq.texas.gov for more information.
- d. Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles
Consideration of the proposal for rulemaking to 30 TAC Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles, revision of Texas low emission diesel (TxLED) rules (Rule Project No. 2009-001-114-EN) is scheduled for the August 3, 2011, commissioners' agenda. A public hearing is scheduled September 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at the TCEQ headquarters in Austin. The comment period is scheduled to open August 19, 2011, and close September 19, 2011. Documents are available on the Commissioners' Agendas Web page.
- e. Drive a Clean Machine
For the third quarter of fiscal year 2011, 578 vehicles were repaired at a cost of \$323,527 and 833 vehicles were retired and replaced at a cost of \$2,503,000 in the HGB area under the Drive a Clean Machine Program.
- Since the start of the program on December 12, 2007, through May 31, 2011, 8,900 vehicles have been repaired and 19,266 vehicles have been retired and replaced at a cost of \$62,728,161 in the HGB area.
- f. 2010 SO₂ Primary Standard
TCEQ staff attended a meeting of the Houston Regional Monitoring Technical Advisory Committee on July 13, 2011, to present information about the 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO₂) primary standard, implementation of the standard in Texas, and status of compliance.

Information relative to the SO₂ special inventory request recently issued and the TCEQ's preliminary modeling plan for the SO₂ standard were also provided. Additional information is available on the Air Pollution from Sulfur Dioxide Web site.

g. Clean Air Interstate Rule

The preliminary 2011 Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) nitrogen oxides allowance allocations from the New Unit Set-Aside Trading Budget are now available on the Emissions Banking and Trading CAIR Program Web. The allowance amounts reflect the preliminary proposal and are subject to change.

All comments regarding the preliminary allocations must be received by August 1, 2011. Please include "CAIR" in the e-mail subject line.

2. EPA Update – Mr. Guy Donaldson

a. Cross State Air Pollution Rule for the Ozone and PM_{2.5} Air Standards

On July 7, 2011, EPA announced the Cross State Air Pollution Rule address interstate transport of air pollution for the ozone and fine particulate (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The rule covers power plant emissions in 27 States. Texas was included in the rule for both the ozone and PM_{2.5} standards.

The rule will regulate emissions from 12 states that affect ozone levels in Houston (AL, AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MO, MS, SC, and TN). The rule will also regulate Texas emissions that affect ozone levels in Louisiana and Michigan and fine particulate matter levels in Illinois.

More information is available on the internet at www.epa.gov/crossstaterule.

b. Reconsideration of the 2008 Ozone Air Quality Standards

EPA Staff was notified on Tuesday that the ozone standards rule is not being signed on July 29 as expected. The reconsideration is currently going through interagency review led by OMB. Following completion of this final step, EPA will finalize the ozone standards.

3. Regional Ozone Update – Ms. Marissa Gonzales

- a. The HGB area has had 5 days of exceeding the 8-hour ozone standard at the regulatory stations. They have had 2 days of exceeding the 1-hour ozone standard at the regulatory stations.

PRESENTATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Amending the RAQPC By-Laws

- a. The action to accept Amending the RAQPC By-Laws Article 3: Section 1 was seconded and approved.
- b. The action to accept Amending the RAQPC By-Laws Article 3: Section 3 was seconded and approved.
- c. The action to accept Amending the RAQPC By-Laws Article 3: Section 7 was seconded and approved.

- d. The action to accept Amending the RAQPC By-Laws Article 3: Section 8 was seconded and approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Discussion of Potential Taskforces – Chair Elena Craft

- a. Chair Elena Craft stated that taskforces should establish better coordination and working relationship between the RAQPC Committee Members.
 - i. The TERP Taskforce will look at ways to support additional allocations of TREP funds to the HGB area. The TERP Taskforce will involve research, and developing documents that the H-GAC Board could use to help acquire TERP funds.
 - ii. The Ozone Taskforce will research how RAQPC can help with the region's planning for the State Implementation Plan. As EPA announces the more protective standard, the region will have to develop a plan to meet that standard.

H-GAC is allowed to commit up to 3% of the needed reductions mandated by the SIP through the VEMP process.

2. H-GAC Update – Ms. Shelley Whitworth

a. H-GAC Activities

- i. August is Commute Solution Month
 1. H-GAC Board passed a Resolution supporting Corporate and Local Government entities to encourage participation with Commute Solutions Month and Commute Solution Alternatives.
 2. A Press Conference launched the kickoff for Commute Solution Month.
 3. Commute Solutions will recognize the Management District with the highest employer participation percentage.
 4. The Clean Air Awards Luncheon invitations will soon be distributed.

b. H-GAC Board

- i. H-GAC Board approved \$431,521 of CMAQ and SEP funds to replace 8 engines for a NO_x reduction of 4.25 tpy.
- ii. H-GAC Board approved receiving \$999,041 of EPA funds for Clean Vessels Program and DERA Program to replace 3 tug boat engines.
- iii. H-GAC Board approved \$400,000 of additional TCEQ funds for CRADA. \$85,000 will be passed to EPA and their consultant to process emission and operative data on the Drayage Program.
- iv. H-GAC Board approved \$750,000 of TCEQ funds for a Master Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Mr. Mark McClelland is retiring from Liberty County with 21 years of service.
- b. The American Lung Association encourages RAQPC members to join the E-Advocacy Network.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The next RAQPC meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2011 at 2:00 P.M.

ADJOURN

The RAQPC Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M.