

**Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Meeting with Texas
Commission on Environmental Quality and Marine/ Ports Stakeholders
concerning the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Eight-Hour Ozone State
Implementation Plan
MEETING SUMMARY**

June 12, 2008
H-GAC Conference Room A
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Houston, Texas 77027

Persons Present:

Theo Vosub (TCEQ), Koy Howard (TCEQ), Lola Brown (TCEQ), Donna Huff (TCEQ), Robert Anatra (Ports America), Chuck Graham (Ports America), Matt Chapman (Ports America), Kenneth Kidwell (SSC USA), John Pace (ExxonMobil), Kenneth Gathright (Port of Houston), Bradley Loomis (Port of Houston), Richard Myers (EarthCon), Brad Stoker (WGMA), Nathan Wesely (WGMA), Owen Parker (Dannenbaum), Charles Airiohoudin (TxDOT), Christine Harris (Kinder Morgan), Kevan McGregor (Shell), Jim Guidry (Kirby Corp), Lisa McMicheal (Port of Freeport), Stuart Mueller (Weston Solutions), Harless Benthur (attorney), Sylvia Medina (EECOC)

Staff Present:

Shelley Whitworth, Graciela Lubertino, Andrew DeCandis, Kelli Angelone

TCEQ Presentation: _____ Inventories and TCEQ Methodology _____

A TCEQ representative explained a handout entitled, "Houston Area Locomotives, Railroad Maintenance, Commercial Marine Vessels and Recreational Boating Emissions as Reported in 2000, 2002 and 2005" [check HGAC State Implementation Plan website for copy of handout]. The handout mostly showed emissions reductions in the Houston ports industry over the years of 2000-2005. This was attributed by TCEQ to more accurate estimation methods. The handout also demonstrated some of TCEQ's methodology for estimating the emissions inventory for the ports industry. The TCEQ is currently working using 2005 ports emissions data, and they are working to develop a 2007 Recreational Marine Emissions Inventory for the HGB area and projections for the years 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, and 2019, as well as a Diesel Inventory of Marine Vessels Phase II.

H-GAC Presentation : ___ **Ports Mobile Control Strategies & Third Party TERP Grants** ___

Shelley Whitworth noted that the marine sector is the largest sector in NOx emissions in the HGB area. Most of the measures from the Voluntary Mobile Emissions Program came from the industry.

The third party TERP proposal that HGAC is submitting is on behalf of several groups, including two ports. HGAC is submitting because several groups have complained that the government budget cycle is difficult to respond to independently and in a timely fashion.

Industry representatives commented that ultra-low sulfur diesel may be the only kind of fuel available to them now, making strategy #20 on the control strategies list, “Texas Low Emission Diesel (TxLED)” irrelevant unless it needs to be documented.

HGAC representatives pointed out that of the control strategies, none were being proposed to industry as possible rules, only as strategies that they themselves might adopt in order to improve air quality and do their part for the State Implementation Plan by entering into an Memorandum of Agreement or Understanding with HGAC or TCEQ.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

ACTION ITEMS: Industry Groups

1) Groups should consult among themselves to decide on Memoranda of Agreement or Understanding that they would be able to enter into with HGAC or TCEQ.

ACTION ITEM: H-GAC

1) HGAC should work to further clarify and accurately describe the control strategies outlined in the Master List so that industry groups can provide more meaningful comment.