

Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee

August 7, 2012

Draft Minutes

PPAC Members Present

Richard Abramowitz, called in
Jeremy DuMond
Jack Holmes
John Howard
Robert Larsen
Lynne Nava
Rachel Perry
Benjamin Weinheimer

TCEQ Staff Present

Ted Hazen, Manager, PPE
Andy Gardner, Manager, SBLGA
Shannon Herriott, PPE
Cynthia Carter, PPE
Karen Goelkel, PPE
Kelly Mills, GPA
Mike Chadwick, GPA
Cary L. Betz, GPA
Leon Byrd, GPA
Susan White, OLS

Other Attendees

Kirk Holland, BSEACD
John Dupnik, BSEACD

9:30 Approval of Minutes

Rachel Perry presented the minutes from the May 21, 2012, conference call. Lynne Nava moved to approve the minutes, Ben Weinheimer seconded, and the committee approved.

9:35 Welcome

Ted Hazen introduced Karen Goelkel who is replacing Mary Kelley as the lead for supporting PPAC. Mr. Hazen also introduced Susan White from the Office of Legal Services who will be advising the committee as PPAC goes in front of the Commission for the nomination process and continuing the committee, which expires in 2013.

9:45 Clean School Bus update

Ted Hazen provided an update on the Clean School Bus program which is designed to retrofit buses to decrease particulate matter inside the cabin. To date, the program has:

- reimbursed more than \$17 million to 177 school districts, representing 6,587 buses;
- reduced PM inside retrofitted buses on average by more than 90%; and
- reduced overall tailpipe PM emissions by 35%.

For more information please visit www.texascleanschoolbus.org.

9:55 Update on the Statewide Survey to Assess Recycling Activity in Texas

Rachel Perry discussed the final draft of Recommendations for Development of a Statewide Survey, which attempts to get a better idea of who is recycling what and where. The process has been slow due to the number of organizations involved and the amount of input received but Ms. Perry will update the committee when there is any progress. The current recommendations are available on the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling website at <http://recyclingstar.org/resources/recyclingrate.html>.

10:10 “Participation in Regulatory Flexibility” Guidance Document

Shannon Herriott provided a history of innovative programs and information on the transition from Clean Texas to the new EMS program. Clean Texas will be completely phased out by December 2013. The committee discussed ideas for transitioning current members into EMS, possible program incentives, and recommended improving

Section III: Independent Assessment of the Site's EMS of the EMS Application for Incentives to allow for third party certification other than ISO assessments.

Jeremy DuMond mentioned possible edits to the guidance document if definitions relating to compliance history classifications are changed. Jack Holmes expressed concerns that federal rules could be a roadblock to Regulatory Flexibility regardless of state approval. He would be interested in ideas that benefit companies and the environment that also satisfy federal rules. The committee recommended that companies are asked to share ideas that are approved so that others may implement them.

10:45 Managing Drought Presentation by Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District

Kirk Holland and John Dupnik of BSEACD provided an overview of groundwater conservation districts, the affect drought has on aquifers, and drought management topics such as district initiatives, stakeholder responses, compliance monitoring and enforcement, and alternative water supplies. A PDF copy of the presentation was sent to the committee following the meeting.

11:45 Drought Response and Resources from the Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division

Andy Gardner provided an overview of the drought and the state's response, including:

- creating the Emergency Drinking Water Task Force comprised of TCEQ, Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board, Department of State Health Services, and Texas Department of Agriculture;
- identifying priority systems with 180-day supply of water or less;
- holding 8 drought workshops in 2011 with more than 800 attendees;
- activating a drought hotline; and
- creating a drought web site with tools for water systems.

The current focus is providing tools to small water systems so they can understand how much water they have and where they stand with their current water source and working with local GCOs. The Commissioners' Summary of 2011 Drought Response video that was shown at the meeting is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYpgr61VbTM>.

Cynthia Carter discussed water conservation educational materials and resources available from TCEQ. A list of these publications and web resources was sent to the committee following the meeting.

12:20 Discussion of next meeting topics and date

The committee recommended the next meeting be held before November 17, 2012. Suggested items for the next agenda include:

- Legislative update
- Regulatory Flexibility program update
- State Recycling Survey update
- Property Assessment for Clean Energy information

Robert Larsen requested contact information for non-member attendees. This information is attached.

12:30 The meeting was adjourned.