

Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee

**Conference Call
May 21, 2012**

Minutes

PPAC Members Present

Richard Abramowitz
Christine Banks
Jeremy DuMond
John Howard
Robert Larsen
Lynne Nava
Benjamin Weinheimer

TCEQ Staff

Ted Hazen, Manager, PPE
David Greer, Team Lead, PPE
Dana Macomb, Work Lead, PPE
Mary Kelley, PPE

2:00 Welcome

Ted Hazen presented the minutes from the February 16, 2012 PPAC meeting and they were approved and seconded.

2:05 Electronics Update

David Greer talked about the Computer Recycling Program – 2012 report is at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm_exec/pubs/sfr/099_11.pdf. The TV recycling rule went into effect on May 1, 2012. For more information about the rule and what will be required, visit www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org.

2:10 Environmental Trade Fair and Conference (ETFC) and the Texas Environmental Excellence Award (TEEA) update

Dana Macomb gave highlights of the ETFC stating attendance was up with a total of 2,451 individuals registered, with 1,109 as exhibitor booth staff. Over 440 booth spaces (10 x 10) were sold within the exhibit hall. The TEEA had 496 individuals registered for the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards banquet. She also requested the PPAC members pass on application information for next year's awards to anyone involved in outstanding environmental projects. For more information about the ETFC, please visit <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/etfc/etf.html> and for the TEEA, visit <http://www.teea.org/>.

2:15 Innovative Programs update

David Greer talked about the Innovative Programs rule. A guidance document for participation in regulatory flexibility is currently being developed. A list of incentives available for Environmental Management Systems credit will be developed. We would like PPAC to review the guidance document and incentives.

2:20 Discussion of Future Meeting Dates, Topics, and Times

It was discussed that for the next meeting topics will focus on drought issues. Robert Larsen offered the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District to do a presentation on managing drought. There was also interest in discussing what the Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division is doing concerning drought issues.

The committee agreed to an August 7th or 9th meeting.

2:30 The meeting was adjourned with a motion and seconded.