

Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 20th, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Bldg. E Room 201 S

12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753

Co-Chair
Fred Kelly

Co-Chair
Catrennia Williamson

Members in attendance

Catriannia Williams, Co-chair
Fred Kelley, Co-chair
Lynne S. Nava
Daryl Wilmeth
Don Renchie
Veronica Corella-Barud – Teleconferenced

TCEQ Staff

Brian Christian, Director, Small
Business and Environmental Assist
Ted Hazen, Manager, Pollution
Prevention and Education (PPE)
Mike Lindner, Team Lead, PPE
Mary Kelley, PPE

9:30 Welcome and Introductions

Catrennia Williamson opened the meeting with introductions.

Brian Christian

Welcome and opening remarks.

Mr. Christian explained the priorities and the focus of the Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division.

Mike Lindner explained the charge of the PPAC.

9:40 Approval of Meeting Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

The agenda for today's meeting was approved.

10:00 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Guidance Document rule updates

Joe Thomas (filling in for Dan Siebenacher, Household Hazardous Waste program coordinator) of the Pollution Prevention and Education section, of the TCEQ gave a presentation on the HHW program. He requested input from the committee on the new HHW guidance document. Joe explained the changes. There was discussion on how to expand the program. Some of the suggestions for the guidance document were to have a chart outlining changes compared with the old rules and to have a checklist for holding a collection event. Also noted was a request for TCEQ program staff to be more communicative with HHW managers.

There was also some discussion on medical waste.

11:30 Lunch

1:00 CLEAN TEXAS

Bob Gifford gave an overview and introduction of the program and what it has been in the past. He also noted overall goals of the program, improving environmental efforts, and setting goals for improvement.

Bob explained the four different levels and explained what each meant. The committee was told the requirements and how to become a member. There was discussion on recruitment of potential businesses as well as offering incentives to join.

2:30 Pollution Prevention Program Updates

Mike Lindner gave updates on the new **computer recycling law**. A bill was passed in the last legislative session for computer manufacturers to provide free and convenient recycling for old computers. Manufacturers are required to take back their old computers as of Sept 1, 2008.

Take Care of Texas, the agencies campaign to promote personal responsibility. Mike noted the web site now has banners and print ads available for anyone to download and use on their web site or print materials.

Texas Clean School Bus Program is a grant program for ISD's and charter schools to retrofit school buses to reduce emissions as much as 70 or 80 %. Dec 15 is the deadline for this grant cycle. We had almost \$9 million available this year and we have applications for almost \$5 million.

Nominations

The Commission will be seeking nominations (beginning early next year) for new PPAC committee members to replace those whose terms expire in 08/09. TCEQ PPAC staff will email information to members regarding this.

3:00 Meeting Adjourned