

## **Dallas Small Business Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, August 5 from 10 AM to 12 PM**

**North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 10707 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230**

[www.sblga.info](http://www.sblga.info)

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/sblga/dallas.html>

### **FY09 Priorities**

1. Ensure a variety of small businesses are represented on the SBAC/recruited for membership.
2. Develop relationships with elected officials to ensure they are informed on small business environmental issues.
3. Provide SBAC input on rules and major issues facing the agency.

### **Attendees**

DSBAC Members: Kim Millette-Emerald Environmental , Joe Polanco-Co-chair, Lathan Watts-TEXO, Mark Shelton-CAP/Manufacturing, Stacy Wright-City of Farmers Branch, Nancy Hunziker-Klaes Consulting.

TCEQ: Amy Lukens, Andy Gardner, Anne Marie Callery, Lori Rose, Tasha Burns

### **Action Items from Previous Meetings – Lori Rose and Amy Lukens, Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA)**

- Ask the NCTCOG to publish an SBAC outreach article in newsletters. – Ken Benson with Lathan as Outreach coordinator; In Progress
- Review the EnviroMentor waiver – Stacy Wright; In Progress

### **Information from Austin –Andrew Gardner, SBLGA Section Manager**

- Lori Rose and Amy Lukens are moving on to new employment and Tasha Burns is taking over as SBAC coordinator until their positions are filled.
- The TCEQ will be reviewed by the Sunset Commission over the next two years. The official audit will start mid January 2010 and will review all aspects of the TCEQ's role and function. Public meetings should be held to gather comments on TCEQ performance. SBAC/SBLGAC members may be contacted by the Sunset Commission for comments on the TCEQ. For more information on the Sunset Commission please visit <http://www.sunset.state.tx.us/> or see the attached flowchart.
- SBLGA recently acquired the Texas Small Water System Operator Training program and will be focusing on improving small water system operator participation.
- SBLGA is implementing the "Air Ninja" program where Toxicology will identify areas of high pollutants near air monitors and SBLGA will investigate and work with industry to reduce pollution.
- A new University EnviroMentor Program is in the works to connect engineering students with PWS operations needing engineering assistance. There are also opportunities for retired engineers and geologist to donate their expertise.
- SBLGA has been designated as the lead on drought related outreach

- SBLGA will host multiple PST workshops across the state to introduce the new PST Super Guide and modules. Modules will be available online late September or early October. The DFW workshop will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Brookside Center in Hurst. Additional details will be posted online as they are developed

### **Open Forum – Joe Polanco, Co-Chair**

- Joe suggested we start listservs between local governments and plant operators in order to stimulate an electronic mentor program where liability wouldn't be an issue. Andy suggested it go through another agency, and TRWA and TWA were suggested.
- Nancy mentioned that outreach to PST owners could accompany registration letters so that lack of environmental rule knowledge due to high turnover in the PST industry could be addressed. Andy mentioned we do this through PST letters, but that these letters could be more industry-specific.
- Stacy mentioned that the Air Ninja team is a good idea because it will target larger industries such as TXI and relieve burden on small businesses. Andy corrected that this is a common misconception and indicated that a presentation will be given at the next CAP meeting on September 25 that will cover the true status of air quality in DFW.
- Joe, Nancy, and Mark asked several questions regarding storm water issues. Anne Marie mentioned that SBLGA created and/or updated guidance documents this year. New this year is a regulatory guidance document for the No Exposure Certification [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/files/rg-467.pdf\\_4466564.pdf](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/files/rg-467.pdf_4466564.pdf) . We are assisting permitting with suggestions on the MSGP renewal. So far mostly clarifications have been added, with no major changes. We will be attempting to increase Phase II compliance during the next FY.
- Lathan asked if SBLGA could give workshops or presentations to associations, and we said yes.
- Andy promoted the Environmental Excellence Awards program. <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/events/teea/TEEA.html>
- Andy mentioned that Trade Fair will continue to be every year, but may be shorter and take place at a different time of the year.

### **SBAC Report to CAP – SBAC Members**

- Joe mentioned that more environmental outreach should be taking place due to the economic recession that may result in environmental personnel layoffs causing inexperienced people to be in charge of environmental management.
- Lathan reinforced that regulated entities and governmental agencies should try and work together instead of against each other.

### **Fiscal Year 2010 Planning**

- Members want to maintain the FY09 goals for FY10.
- Meetings will be moved to Thursday mornings at 10 AM.
- The first meeting of FY10 will be in November. Tasha will email dates out for approval.

### **Review of Action Items and Closing Comments- Joe Polanco, Co-Chair**

- Email the Sunset Review flowchart to SBAC members. COMPLETE
- Email the new No Exposure guidance to SBAC members. COMPLETE
- Include a more industry specific outreach letter to PST facilities with C2 letter. TCEQ
- Send DFW Job Postings to SBAC members. COMPLETE

- Add agenda item for Environmental Trade Fair update after Trade Fair. TCEQ
- Include more specific agenda items in SBAC invitation emails. TCEQ
- Comment to SBLGA regarding when Trade Fair should occur. SBAC members
- Contact manufacturing and other associations and give an outreach presentation. SBAC members

**Meetings for Fiscal Year 2010**

TBD