

# Fort Worth Small Business and Local Government Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Priorities for FY06

1. Interface with local legislative delegation.
2. Integrate representatives of local governments into membership and identify local government issues to discuss.
3. Expand and enhance the committee membership

## Open Forum

Members discussed the Environmental Trade Fair in Austin, specifically the location of the TCEQ booth. As the booth draws people, it was felt that the booth should be in the center of the exhibit hall, not offset to one side. **[ACTION] Follow up with Event Coordination and Education section for consideration of TCEQ booth placement at next year's trade fair.** Promotion of the ETF was also discussed. *ETF will be held May 1-3, 2007.*

Coordination of SBLGA and SBLGAC with local government inspectors was also discussed. Concerns were aired that the local investigators had inconsistent understanding/enforcement of the TCEQ rules. **[ACTION] Increase outreach activities/invitations to meetings to small communities in the Fort Worth area.** Members also discussed the availability of investigator checklists to know what the standards are for the investigations. **[ACTION] Check availability of investigator's checklists to the public.**

## Action Items from Last Meeting

Ms. Tasha Burns updated members on action items from previous meeting:

- The link to What's New in TCEQ Rules and the location to sign up for the Rules Listserv is <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/rules/whatsnew.html>
- The SBLGA website ([www.sblga.info](http://www.sblga.info)) is being updated by staff in preparation of having a link directly from the agency homepage. **[ACTION] Please email [taburns@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:taburns@tceq.state.tx.us) with any links you believe should be added to the SBLGA webpage.**
- Information on the 8th Annual EPA Region 6 MS4 Storm Water Conference held June 26 - 30, 2006 can be found at the following link <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/permitting/waterquality/attachments/stormwater/0606ms4con.pdf>
- Information on the Proposition 2 Guidance Document (tax abatements) can be found at: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/Prop2/prop2.html> Hard copies can be requested from Tasha Burns.
- C2 'logo' is still being discussed and members are still asked to refer people to sign up for C2 program. **[ACTION] Send Ms. Burns the contact information for potential site visit candidates.**

## C2 Program Update

Tamra-Shae Oatman, SBLGA Section Manager updated members on changes that are coming for the C2 program. A new High Intensity Checklist is being developed for certain industries, in order to more completely verify their compliance status. Ms. Oatman informed members that companies can still have a site visit without eligibility for C2. **[ACTION] Provide high intensity checklist to select members to review.**

## Rules Update

Ms. Oatman discussed the proposed changes to the Multi-Sector General Permit (Industrial Storm Water) Several of the proposed revisions are DMRs will be submitted (previously kept on site), benchmark sampling will now occur twice per year instead of once per year with the possibility of a waiver, and quarterly visual monitoring must occur regardless of operational hours. **[ACTION] Draft a comment letter on the proposed permit. Complete - FWSBLGAC members held an impromptu meeting to draft and submit a comment letter regarding small business concerns with the proposed permit.**

Ms. Oatman updated members on the upcoming Dry Cleaner Initiative, explaining that a letter from the Office of Compliance and Enforcement was mailed out to unregistered dry cleaners on March 24, 2006. Dry Cleaners that were not registered by April 26, 2006 would be targeted for an investigation. Members commented on ownership changes and no requirement to have knowledge of the environmental rules/transfer of responsibility.

Ms. Oatman briefly touched on the Waste Collection Sales Tax, informing members that some environmental service companies that pick up hazardous, class 1 and class 2 wastes are inappropriately charging sales tax. According to the Comptroller's Office, sales tax is not to be assessed on hazardous or class 1 waste. Class 2 waste, which is plant trash and garbage, can be assessed a sales tax for the collection service. Any problems with the proper use of sales tax will need to be resolved through the Comptroller's Office (1-877-662-8375).

Members were also provided with the new EPA Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest and the current TCEQ manifest for comparative purposes. Members were also alerted that there will be a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Workshop in the area which will address the manifests.

### **Texas Emission Reduction Program (TERP)**

TERP is a voluntary incentive grant program of the TCEQ, developed to help remove older, higher-emission vehicles and equipment off the road. Grant funds can be used to replace older vehicles and equipment and/or engines with newer models, which are rated with higher engine emission standards. There are two types of programs under this grant: the Emissions Reduction Incentive Grant and the New Rebate Grant Program.  
<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/terp/>

### **Action Items from This Meeting**

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Provide high intensity checklist to select members to review.

Draft a comment letter on the proposed permit. [Complete]

### **Closing Remarks, Meeting Adjourned**

Tag Coolidge thanked members for their attendance and participation, and adjourned the meeting.

**Next Meeting: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Petroleum Club**