



## Golden Triangle Small Business Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 8, 2007

**Priority for FY07:** Maintain connectivity with SBLGA staff in Austin;  
Outreach and recruitment.

Meeting convened at 11:30 AM. Mr. Charlie Adams, GTSBAC Coordinator, began with the introduction of members and guests in attendance. He stated that Candace Broucher, GTSBAC Chairperson was unable to attend due to a Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Blue Ribbon Committee meeting in Austin.

### ***Open Forum***

Mr. Rob Rowell asked for the current status of the Phase II MS4 Storm Water Permit. Ms. Melinda Houlihan of SBLGA responded that the draft permit was ready to be proposed formally to the TCEQ Commissioners.

Mr. Rowell asked about a recent case involving buried chlorine cylinders in Jasper County that has been in the news. Charlie Adams responded that it was an active investigation and no details were available at this time.

Mr. David Heilman commented on the article in the Natural Outlook featuring fellow GTSBAC member, Jeff Rogers of Rogers Lumber Company. Mr. Heilman and the entire committee congratulated Mr. Rogers on the article.

Mr. Rogers asked the status of the new TCEQ Commissioner. Ms. Houlihan responded that former Commissioner Hubert left the agency for a different position and the Governor's office has recently announced the nomination of Deputy Secretary of State Buddy Garcia to fill the vacant position.

### ***Action Items***

Mr. Adams reported the status of the action items generated from the previous meeting, starting with the 100 employee clarification for C2. Mr. Adams clarified that the employee limit for C2 was 100.

Dry Cleaner Fund Update – Ms. Houlihan updated the committee on the fund and provided the list of sites slated for clean up funds.

Committee members were asked to contact Ms. Broucher directly on efforts to contact legislators in reference to Compliance History bills.

### ***Rule and Legislative Update***

Ms. Houlihan presented the committee with a summary of several rules the SBEA Division is formally tracking. Highlights included air related rules relating to NOx emissions from minor sources and standard permits for rock crushers and sawmills.

Mr. Tony Huval asked about the federal enforceability of the TCEQ standard permits. Ms. Houlihan responded that a major part of standard permit development is ensuring the permits meet EPA requirements. Mr. Huval asked for a copy of the proposed MACT standard for architectural coatings [ACTION].

Ms. Houlihan continued with an update on current bills under consideration at the State Legislature. She reviewed several bills and stated that SBEA is tracking several bills that may have potential to impact small business or local government. Many committee member expressed interest in updates available via the Texas Legislature Online. Mr. Adams agreed to send an email to members with directions to receive email updates on selected bills from the Texas Legislature Online [ACTION].

### ***Clean Texas Program and TERP***

Mr. Adams shared the details on the Clean Texas Program, including the flexibility of the program to include different levels of commitment. He stated that the program is open to all types of organizations and not just businesses. The goals of the program are to encourage a focus on environmental issues and creative approaches to solutions to environmental problems and also to recognize organizations for their efforts to improve the environment.

Mr. Adams also updated the members on the upcoming deadline for submitting application for the Texas Emissions Reduction Program. He summarized the program as an effort to remove older diesel engines from Texas road by offering grant and rebate incentives towards the purchase of cleaner burning engines.

### ***Site Assistance Visits (SAV+)***

Mr. Harry Heinlein of the Pollution Prevention and Education Section gave the committee a presentation on the benefits of the SAV+ program. Highlights of the program include a free visit by TCEQ staff engineers to identify strategies to improve environmental performance. Visits are voluntary and confidential and open to facilities of all sizes located in Texas. Both Mr. Huval and Mr. Heilman asked Mr. Heinlein for assistance scheduling a SAV+ visit for their facilities [ACTION].

### ***Action Items from this Meeting***

1. Send Mr. Huval a copy of the proposed MACT standard for architectural coatings
2. Directions to receive email updates on selected bills from the Texas Legislature Online will be sent to members
3. Follow up with members on scheduling a SAV+ visit for their facilities

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

Mr. Adams thanked the members and guests and adjourned.

### ***Next Meeting***

May 17, 2007