

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes

March 28, 2013

FISCAL YEAR 2013 PRIORITIES

Provide input on TCEQ rules and policies to represent small businesses and strengthen partnerships with local elected officials.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Co-Chair J. Kelly Mowry. Each of the participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

REVIEW ACTIONS ITEMS FROM December 12, 2012 MEETING

Danielle L. Doss briefly discussed minutes from the June 21, 2012, meeting and commented that no action items were outstanding.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Glenn Abdelnoor with The Texas Department of Insurance Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program spoke to the group about their program. The program is funded by a Federal grant and provides free, confidential assistance to small business owners. Their definition of a small business is 250 employees or less at one facility and no more than 500 nationwide. The program's main goal is to assist the small business with any OSHA related safety concerns. The companies are required to fix any safety hazardous that are found during the onsite investigation and provide the outcome to the OSHCON team after the problem is fixed. They can also provide monitoring devices to be worn on employees for any noise or air hazards while they are onsite.

TCEQ AUSTIN UPDATE

Danielle Doss provided the SBAC with information regarding NESHAP Subpart JJJJJJ rule changes. This federal rule covers boilers burning oil, coal, biomass (wood) and other solid liquid fuels to produce steam or hot water for energy or heat. The changes include initial notification by January 20, 2014, to either the EPA or TCEQ of any boilers that are subject to this rule. New facilities must submit the form within 120 days after startup.

Information was presented on the new Enforcement Initiation Criteria for wastewater bacteria limits. These changes include facilities receiving violations if they exceed their permitted bacteria limit by 20 percent for two or more months in a year or by any amount for four or more months in a year.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Get current C2 list recipients to all the local programs. Send a list of current C2 recipients to the appropriate local program **or** Send a list of all C2 partners to the local programs

Next SBAC Meeting: Thursday June 20, 2013.at the HGAC office at 10 AM