

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes

December 4, 2014

FISCAL YEAR 2015 PRIORITIES

1. Provide input on TCEQ rules and policies to represent small businesses.
2. Strengthen partnerships with local environmental programs.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM. Each of the participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

REVIEW ACTIONS ITEMS FROM MARCH 20, 2014 MEETING

Jennifer Amelang briefly discussed minutes from the September 18, 2014, meeting and commented that no action items were outstanding.

TCEQ'S TAKE CARE OF TEXAS PROGRAM

Stephen Scalise provided the SBAC with information about the TCEQ's Take Care of Texas (TCOT) division and public outreach initiatives including the Proud Partner program, News You Can Use monthly newsletter, TCOT license plate, and Kids Art Contest.

TCEQ AUSTIN UPDATE

Shannon Herriott provided the SBAC with updates and information regarding the upcoming legislative session and TCEQ program updates including secondary containment for dry cleaners using PERC, post cards being mailed out regarding Stage I requirements for petroleum storage tank (PST) facilities, EPA ozone standards, and the upcoming free Asset Management and Source Assessment workshops for small public water systems. She also mentioned that the Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) is developing a survey to distribute to the SBACs regarding encouraging participation in the SBAC.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Once the CAP survey is developed, distribute it to the Houston SBAC participants.
2. Think of ways to encourage participation and increase attendance of the SBAC meetings and encourage a colleague to attend the next meeting.

Next SBAC Meeting: TBD