

CLEAN AIR CONSORTIUM WORKING GROUP MEETING

September 16, 2004
OKI Board Room

Attendees:

Lana Brewer	Kentucky AQ
Lawrence Brown	IN EPA
Jeff Boyle	Corporate Compliance
Cory Chadwick	HCDOES
Ned Ford	Sierra Club
Rick Giese	Griffin Industries
Scott Headler	Warren Co RPC
Candace Klein	NKY Chamber
Sue Leitner	Clean Cities
Darlene Radcliffe	Cinergy
Adam Sackenheim	BCDOES
John Schmidt	NCAD
Bill Spires	OEPA
Steve Stevens	NKY Chamber
Scott Walton	NKY Chamber

OKI STAFF:

Allen Freeman, Summer Jones, Fran Malone, Mark Policinski, Andy Reser, Sarah Woller

Welcome

Mr. Steve Stevens welcomed attendees and everyone introduced themselves and their sponsoring organizations.

As a group, Mr. Stevens noted that we are still in the definition stage. In Kentucky, Kenton, Boone and Campbell counties are refuting that they do not meet the PM2.5 attainment standard. Dearborn County, Indiana is refuting their PM2.5 non-attainment standard. In Ohio, Butler, Hamilton, Clermont and Warren counties are not in attainment but have no argument as to their status.

This is a two phase situation: "What we need to do to respond to PM2.5?" and "Best Practices" need to be identified.

Columbus is in the midst of the same process and a collaborative approach is possible and much needed.

Report of PM2.5

Mr. Rick Geise reported that the working group for the PM2.5 was being assembled. The goal and scope of work was being identified. The list will be reported back to the whole group as soon as possible.

Potential Strategies

The final potential strategies will be listed and evaluated by the group in future meetings. The committee was able to define certain strategies that could be explored or were already in place at the current time.

The EPA says that there are similar processes made in figuring the cost/ton. From a technical standpoint the VOC sources are more obvious than others. Mr. Stevens questioned what the cost was for VOC's in Ohio and Kentucky because of all the meteorological effects that contribute. EPA wants two separate tables – VOX and NOx and the cost divided into three columns: VOC, NOx and PM2.5. Mr. Schmidt reminded us to add the factor of per ton/power of agent and to maintain the vehicle emission testing on the list.

Mr. Brown from Indiana had a long list of criteria being used in Indiana to determine if certain strategies will be included: political support, secondary benefits, Environmental Justice issues, costs to government vs. citizens and various other criteria. Mr. Brown offered to make this information available to the Consortium.

Mr. Cory Chadwick stated that health impacts needed to be a column and which conditions have hazardous effects.

Mr. Rick Giese requested a hierarchy of project and factors from the EPA to weight some of them.

EPA has a 2000 Inventory available with growth assumptions for the 2002 through 2009 with model attainment goals already in place. The questions remain: what will we need to do beyond what is already required to make further reductions? Who is responsible for modeling?

Ms. Lona Brewer responded that there has been much time and effort to gather information and coordinate plans for modeling to meet the standards.

Potential Emission Reduction Strategies

Hamilton County Environmental Services provided a list of 21 possible strategies to reduce emissions in the area. The first 14 were reviewed and the group eliminated three. Some were revised with comments and additions. Mr. Ned Ford came up with a grid for evaluating the strategies. The process still needs to be honed and refined in the future meetings.

Next Steps

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the OKI offices. There is a goal to present the results of the Consortium discussion to the OKI Board in December, 2005.

Other Business

There is discussion about collaboration with Columbus and MORPC to coordinate their process of identifying potential strategies. This coordination could help with political support when the information is presented to the state.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm