

## **Minutes**

### **Air Quality Task Force**

Friday, August 10, 2007, 11:00 A.M  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of June 8, 2007 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Mook called the meeting to order and requested introductions of those in attendance. Mr. Mook asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pete Hamlin and seconded by Mr. Mook. The Task Force accepted the minutes as written.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Issues. Mr. Matthew Johnson of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources attended by conference call. He provided a reminder to the Task Force that all comments concerning the proposed revisions to the NAAQS standards would be due on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Revisions to the PM2.5 standards have been proposed including the annual standard to be maintained at 15ug/m<sup>3</sup> and a 24-hour standard reduction from 65 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 35ug/m<sup>3</sup>. There are also proposed regulatory changes which incite two issues, the implementation of the 1997 PM2.5 NAAQS and the potential for non-attainment under proposed 2005 NAAQS.
3. Review Air Quality Task Force Mission Statement. The Task Force discussed the previously proposed revision to the Task Force Mission Statement. It was agreed that the “greenhouse gas” should be omitted from the revision. With no objections, the revised mission statement was adopted.
4. Staff Report on Local Activities. Ms. McCullough asked the Task Force for feedback on the possibility of submitting comment as a group to the U.S. EPA regarding the proposed lower ozone standards. The Task Force decided to submit a collective comment while maintaining the possibility of submitting individual comments as well. The Task Force asked that Ms. McCullough draft a comment emphasizing a balanced approach to air quality and economic development issues and encourage the EPA to remain at status quo. Ms. McCullough agreed to draft a comment and distribute it to the Task Force for review.
5. Other Business. Ms. Milliron distributed an American Lung Association list which sited the Quad City Metropolitan Area as one of the “Cleanest U.S. Cities for Ozone Air Pollution”. Ms. Milliron stated that the 45 cities on the list were not ranked in any order and were on the list because those cities had no monitored ozone air pollution in the unhealthful ranges during the 2006 ozone season. A recent North Scott Press article concerning Air Quality Standards was also distributed to the group. Mr. Mook stated that Bettendorf had received some complaints from residents

concerning fugitive dust related to road reconstruction. He asked if anyone was aware of restrictions on fugitive dust in other areas. Mr. Hamlin recommended looking at California's restrictions, as they are usually on the forefront of environmental issues.

6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Mook motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:40 a.m.