

MINUTES
AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE

Friday, June 9, 2006, 11:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of April 7, 2006 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Mook called the meeting to order and requested introductions of those in attendance. (A list of those who were signed in at the April 7, 2006 meeting was attached to the minutes.) Mr. Mook asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. Ms. McCullough brought to attention the correction noted by Ms. Paulson that micrograms should be micrometers. The Task Force accepted the minutes as corrected.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Issues. Mr. Steve King, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Ms. Jill Cornell, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, attended by conference call. There were no updates to provide.
3. Roundtable on Emission Reduction Efforts of Task Force Members. Members of the Task Force were asked to share their individual or organizational efforts towards emission reductions in the Quad Cities. Mr. Mook shared that the City of Bettendorf has purchased an ultra low emission vehicle and had extended bus services to 53rd Street/Avenue development for shopping and hospital purposes as a joint project with the City of Davenport. Their transit vehicles are fueled by B-20 until winter. They may be purchasing more B-20 through joint purchasing with the Pleasant Valley School District. Mr. Dean with Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) mentioned the state fleet consumes a significant amount of fuel per year. With this in mind, IADOT stresses maintenance of its fleet with emphasis on light and durable vehicles. The suggestion was made to invite school district transportation coordinators to the next meeting to learn about the Clean Cities program and alternative fuel usage. It was also discussed that there should be more E-85 stations in the Quad Cities. Kroeger's Grocery stores sell E-85, so the idea of getting grocery stores, like HyVee, on board was mentioned. There was also discussion of new Iowa legislation on E-85 and if it will bring more E-85 pumps to the Quad Cities Area. Ms. Williams noted the City of Moline has 26 flex-fuel vehicles. The city used 17,000 gallons of biodiesel. A question was raised on local automobile dealerships' involvement with flex-fuel vehicles, and the idea of a survey was suggested. Mr. Nitzschke, John Deere, stated they are continuing to make improvements nationwide on their emissions. Their painting emissions are from water-based paint, which was discussed. Also, boiler regulations are changing, so they are upgrading. Mr. Hamlin noted MidAmerican is part of Blue Skyways initiative. Their sub-group is looking at wind power from Texas to Minnesota. Blue Skyways is also looking at truck stop electrification and plug-in hybrids. Ms. Mahieu of Trinity West Campus shut down their three generators that they used to use for power and now are purchasing from Mid-American. Their ambulance service is looking at using E-85, and they do not let their ambulances idle.

4. Status Report on Local Activities and Reference Materials. Ms. McCullough directed the Task Force to the status report in the agenda packet. As part of the Voluntary Ozone Reduction Council, Bi-State has participated in a teleconference facilitated by USEPA Region 7 and a Blue Skyways conference call. Bi-State is also currently looking at options for an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP) grant. They have also monitored the 8-hour ozone values and met with Goal Star FS on ethanol efforts in the area.
5. Other Business. Mr. Hamlin distributed a map of EPA and American Petroleum Institute (API) projected PM 2.5 Non-Attainment Counties. The Bi-State Region is included in the API only for 2004-2005. Staff planned to check with IADNR related to the maps and classification.
6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. McCullough is pursuing a presentation from representatives of the Clean Cities program and fuel distributors from both states.
7. Adjournment. Mr. Mook motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:55 a.m.