

MINUTES
AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE

Friday, October 7, 2005, 11:00 A.M.
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of August 19, 2005 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Mook called meeting to order and requested introductions of those in attendance. (A list of those who were signed in at the August 19, 2005 meeting was attached to the minutes.) Mr. Mook asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. By consensus, the Task Force accepted the minutes without revision.
2. Report from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Issues. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources reported, via a conference call, that in 2004 the monitoring stations in Clinton and Scott Counties and the site of Argo reported decreased ozone emissions from 2003, with only one exceedence - which occurred at the Clinton monitor. The three monitoring stations also reported that 2002-2004 particulates levels decreased from the 2001-2003 levels.
3. Status Report on Local Activities. Ms. McCullough directed the Task Force to the status report in the agenda packet. Ms. McCullough gave an update on the proposed grant application for diesel oxidation catalyst muffler retrofits for diesel vehicles in the Cities of Davenport and Bettendorf, as well as the Iowa Department of Transportation. Mr. Button, via a conference call, noted that due to the need for some grant requirements identified prior to the grant deadline, the partners decided to wait to apply for the retrofitted mufflers grant until next year. The "It All Adds Up To Cleaner Air" ad campaign for transit marketing was summarized by Ms. McCullough. She stated that 30 and 60 second ads on "Alternative Choices" were being played using Quad City Radio Group and KWQC TV. The Moline-Dispatch Argus also printed a "Hands Free Commuting" 3x5 inch newspaper advertisement that would be seen in the weeks of October 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. There was also the mention of the use of larger buses in the Illinois Quad Cities and their possible replacement for fuel efficiency. Staff will follow-up on these subjects with Jeff Nelson at MetroLink. The transit ambassador programs were also mentioned.
4. Other Business. There was an update on the E-85 seminar scheduled for October 13th and a brief discussion on possible attendees. Mr. Morris introduced Tracy Wollin, also with Preston Engineering, and discussed direct deposit, direct payment and energy saver programs, as emission reduction strategies.
5. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2005, at 11:00 a.m.
6. Adjournment. Mr. Mook motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 11:40 a.m.