

# Minutes

## Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, December 10, 2010, 11:00 A.M  
Bi-State Regional Commission  
Rock Island County Office Building  
Third Floor Room 320  
1504 Third Avenue  
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Introductions and Consideration of October 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes. The Air Quality Task Force meeting was called to order by Mr. Ridder in the absence of Mr. Mook. Introductions of those in attendance were requested. Participating by conference call were Matthew Johnson, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IADNR), Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Darwin Burkhart, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Task Force members were asked if there were any comments or corrections to the previous meeting's minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Dueysen to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phelan and passed.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. Johnson informed the Task Force that the new ozone standard determination process was pushed back to July 31, 2011; it was expected to be released December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Johnson stated the PM2.5 workshops have concluded, and the recommendations are being assembled into a report due January 1<sup>st</sup> to state legislatures. Ms. McCullough asked Mr. Johnson for any updates related to ozone and PM2.5. Mr. Johnson said they had been updated but he did not know the exact numbers; however, he did say that it had been a good year. Mr. Nitzschke asked Mr. Johnson if the boiler MACT had been extended. Mr. Johnson replied that EPA requested an extension, but he is unaware if the extension was granted. Ms. McCullough mentioned that Mr. McGraw stated Iowa is no longer pursuing the clean diesel grant as expected. Mr. Johnson replied that was correct because the state did not have enough time to collect fleet information.

Mr. Burkhart reported the Illinois Clean Diesel Grant program has approximately 40 members in a work group with numerous vendors. They are bundling applications from local governments, marine (boats and tugs), trucking, and private companies into one overall grant application. The program started in 2003 as a clean school bus program. They later dropped the school bus part in the name. Please visit <http://www.illinoisgreenfleet.org> for more information. Mr. Burkhart went on to note that they have received \$6 million in stimulus money and \$353,000 in state funding. This has allowed for projects such as engine repowers and other high-cost projects that would not have been possible. They have also received CMAQ funding for locomotive projects near Chicago. Over the past 2-2½ years, they have been able to do \$20 million in projects with most of the money coming from federal funding. Mr. Burkhart noted that they have not received very many applications from the Quad City area, possibly because there are no vendors in the area. He went on to say that they are able to fund about 80% of applications. Ms. McCullough asked Mr. Burkhart what vendors he was referring to. Mr. Burkhart gave an example of Caterpillar. Mr. Burkhart does not know

if the Green Fleets program will continue to be funded. There may be delays on rebates but to go ahead and still submit applications. The funding stream comes from Chicago license plates fees.

3. Bi-State Clean Air Partnership Year in Review. Ms. McCullough and Mr. Mosher presented to the Air Quality Task Force a “Celebration of One Year of Achievements” for the Bi-State Clean Air Partnership. Emphasis was put on the voluntary activities implemented to maintain good local air quality. The presentation highlighted the 15 entities that are actively participating in the Clean Air Partnership. Mr. Mosher stated that 95% of the partners offer direct deposit; 60% actively encourage, or plan to encourage, biking and/or walking to work; 67% have, or plan on, conducting energy/lighting audits; and 86% purchase cleaning products with non-toxic, natural, or biodegradable ingredients. Bi-State participated in a number of events, including Quad City in Motion, John Deere Earth Day, Muscatine Transit Training, Healthy Families Day, and the Commuter Challenge, to encourage clean air practices. Mr. Mosher informed the Task Force that the newest air quality message promoting trip chaining will be broadcast in local newspapers and on the radio December 13<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. The December Air Quality Newsletter was distributed to the Task Force.
4. Local Status Report on Air Quality Issues. Ms. McCullough encouraged the Task Force to apply for the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program since eastern Iowa will be looked upon more favorably due to the air quality levels.
5. Other Business. No other business.
6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday February 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.