

Minutes

Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, December 14, 2012, 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 August 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes. The Air Quality Task Force meeting was called to order by Mr. Boka. Conference call participants were: Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and Matthew Johnson, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IADNR). Task Force members were asked if there were any comments or corrections to the previous meeting's minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Dueysen motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Boka seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written by consensus. A sign in sheet is attached with the minutes.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. Johnson provided information regarding the proposed revision to PM 2.5 NAAQS. The EPA intends on retaining the 24 hour designation, but had proposed changing the annual designation to ~12-13 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Mr. Johnson noted that the final decision regarding the revised standard would be announced later that day on the EPA website. Mr. Johnson also noted that the Ozone Infrastructure in the State Improvement Plan was up for public comments.
3. Clean Air Counts Status Report. Mr. Melton presented the status of the Clean Air Counts campaign to the Task Force. Mr. Melton reiterated that the Clean Air Counts campaign was largely focused on directing individuals to the Make an Impact website developed through the PEW Center (www.alcoa.com/makeanimpact). The website offers a plethora of information regarding voluntary efforts that can be made by most people on a daily basis to improve air quality. The website is also host to a calculator tool which the public could access using the Bi-State Clean Air Partnership as a non-profit partner. The calculator asked a series of questions to determine current carbon emissions and provided personalized suggestions on how to lower daily emissions. As of the end of November, users had committed to reducing ~55,000lbs of carbon annually which was the equivalent of \$7,100 annually. Mr. Melton provided a summary of the media campaign which included newspaper, radio, internet, television, and other periodicals.
4. Local Status Report on Air Quality Issues. The local air quality status report was attached in the agenda packet and was briefly reviewed by the task force. Mr. Melton noted that there was one ozone exceedance in the Quad Cities and 29 sulphur dioxide and four PM 2.5 exceedances in Muscatine. The USEPA held outreach meetings in Muscatine in August. Mr. Melton also noted that Muscatine has partnered with Iowa DNR to retrofit 8 buses and 5 public works vehicles with more efficient and less polluting diesel engines. Mr. Melton reported on the potential impacts of the proposed standard revisions in the region. He noted

that Scott and Rock Island Counties would likely not be affected, but Muscatine could potentially be subject to the non-attainment designation process.

5. Other Business. Mr. Dougherty extended his appreciation to Denise Bulat for her presentation at the Iowa Environmental Health Associations Fall Conference. Mr. Dougherty wanted to assure that while attendance was somewhat low, her presentation was very well received.
6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 9th, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:40 a.m.