

# Minutes

## Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, August 9, 2013, 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 May 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Introductions of those in attendance were requested. 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 as written. Mr. Neff seconded the motion, which carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. McGraw noted that the EPA had completed the 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> designation for Muscatine, which will become effective October 4. After that, there will be 18 months allowed to develop an SO<sub>2</sub> State Implementation Plan (SIP). The area designated was reduced from the original boundary of the entirety of Muscatine County proposed by the EPA to a more constrained area immediately surrounding the City of Muscatine as recommended by Iowa Department of Natural Resources.
3. Make Clean Air Visible 2 – Strategic Plan Progress Update. Mr. Melton provided a brief update regarding the Air Quality Strategic Plan Update. Mr. Melton sent an e-mail to the Air Quality Task Force requesting additional input for a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis for the region. A freight survey was sent out to local freight providers requesting some operation-level information and provided information on the EPA's SmartWay program. There was no response to the survey, so staff will work to take a more direct approach in gathering data by conducting interviews over the phone and/or in person. A mailing will go out to local high schools with eco-driving info requesting that schools potentially offer the information to their young drivers. Bi-State staff will offer to present the information to classes upon request. A draft of the Strategic Plan Update will be provided to the group in October for their review.
4. Local Status Report on Air Quality Issues. Mr. Melton outlined the information provided on the Status Report Hand Out. Ms. Olson pointed out that the PM 2.5 annual standard appeared to show Muscatine in non-attainment, but this data does not reflect the full three years of data required for designation. Ms. McCullough provided a brief update on the household travel survey to be conducted in the Quad Cities area. Ms. McCullough explained that the survey will help improve the transportation model. Bi-State currently has URS Corporation under contract with ETC conducting the survey as a subcontractor. The updated survey is sorely needed for our area as it has not been updated since the 60s. Bi-State will be coordinating public-outreach efforts to help insure a statistically valid portion of the population will participate.

5. Other Business. Mr. Boka noted that a public hearing was held in June to discuss the PM 2.5 SIP. He also reported that progress is continuing on GPC's \$100 million improvement to their facilities intended to reduce emissions. A community update is expected from GPC on August 27. The City of Muscatine is working with Iowa DNR to amend the Diesel Retrofit grant they were awarded. Eleven vehicles were pretested, and nine were candidates to be retrofitted. Muscatine is seeking to amend the grant to add the cost of two new compliant diesel vehicles. The council will review the amendment on August 20.
6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:45 a.m.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD  
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF  
(Please Print Legibly)**

Meeting of: Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Date: August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Time: 11:00 a.m. To \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Meeting: Rock Island County Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room 320

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