

Minutes

Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Friday, March 14, 2014, 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 November 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Introductions of those in attendance were requested. Participating by conference call were Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Matthew Johnson and Jim McGraw 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. Sanicola motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Walker seconded the motion which carried.
2. Update from Resource Agencies on Current Air Quality Status/Issues. Mr. McGraw noted the approval of the State Improvement Program (SIP) revisions for PM 2.5 in Muscatine. The USEPA is now reviewing. Control strategies are being implemented through 2016. Mr. Boka praised the DNR for making that revision a very public process in Muscatine.
3. Make Clean Air Visible 2 - Strategic Plan Update Status. Mr. Melton reported that he and other Bi-State staff were in the process of conducting direct interviews of freight interests in the area. Approximately 50 direct carriers, and logistics companies were contacted, but only one survey was completed.
4. Local Status Report on Air Quality Issues. The local air quality status report was attached in the agenda packet. Mr. Melton noted that as part of the freight survey, he and other Bi-State staff had been promoting the SMARTWAY program. Bi-State staff intends to poll the Clean Air Partnership on the status of their pledges and draft a Newsletter reporting on any successes and other air quality topics.
5. Other Business. Ms. McCullough provided a brief update on the Household Travel Survey and explained the process involved. Some input was given by the task force to consider time of year as it relates to biking and walking.

Mr. Melton announced that the mid America Collaborative for Alternative Fuels Implementation has issued a RFP for a fleet survey. Also a RFP has been released for Green Fleet Certification Program. He encouraged the group to share this information with any qualified consultants. For more information, interested parties may contact Stephanie Weisenbach with Iowa Clean Cities.

Mr. Melton also noted that the Iowa Clean Cities Coalition partnering with the Department of Energy is in the process of developing an alternative fuels tool which calculates potential emissions reductions by converting fleets to alternative fuels.

Mr. Melton relayed some information from the most recent DNR Air Quality Client Contact Meeting. He noted that proposed new source performance standard updates for wood heating were discussed for residential wood heating. Title V permit application process is being revised to reduce permit turn around. Mr. Melton asked about the status of the potential lowering of Ozone NAAQS to which Mr. Johnson replied a policy assessment of 60-70 ppb has been made, but an official proposal will not be released for some time. Mr. Melton noted that Bi-State's executive director had written a letter regarding the lowering of Ozone NAAQS.

Mr. Melton provided that Transportation performance measures are scheduled to be released for Congestion Management and Air Quality that are intended to address traffic congestion and on-road mobile sources.

6. Scheduling of Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:30 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Region Air Quality Task Force

Date: 3/14/14 Time: 11:00 a.m To _____ Minutes: Yes X No _____

Place of Meeting: Rock Island County Third Floor Conference Room 320

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