

Blue Skyways Collaboration
Fuels Subcommittee
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Conference Call Agenda

Welcome and Thanks.

General Blue Skyways Taskforce meeting summary.

Fuels Subcommittee summary

- Fact Sheets on Fuels; outreach information to include benefits of alternative fuels
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 - US Army E85 challenge
 - Mention E85fuel.com and National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition in work plan for locations of available stations
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 - Updates on Kansas City/ Austin/ Tulsa/ other

- Biodiesel activities –
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 - Status of a biodiesel demonstration project
 - Nonroad ag and Fuels Subcommittees initiate holistic outreach to ag sector: clean diesel, alternative fuels production and use, and other emission reduction strategies (retrofit, etc)
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 - Encourage adoption of ASTM standard-work with National Biodiesel Board and OTAQ
 - Coordinate with Soybean Assoc. on available funds for B20 for school buses
 - Rural Alliance for Renewable Energy and 25 by 25 should be contacted

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Meeting Summary

Participants: Sandra Rennie, Wes McQuiddy – EPA Region 6; Rebecca White – EPA OTAQ; Kathryn Burke – CenSARA; Betsy Betros – Johnson County, KS; Rollin Sachs – Kansas City, KS; Kenlon Johannes – National Biodiesel Board; James Voelker – TCEQ; Bruce Heine – Magellan Midstream Partners, Tulsa; Nancy Graham – INCOG, Tulsa

General Blue Skyways Taskforce meeting summary. Wes gave a brief overview of the Blue Skyways Taskforce meeting held in Dallas on June 19-20. More than 90 people attended over the two day meeting. We welcomed 16 new community partners to the Collaborative. \$90 million in Partner projects account for 10,000 tons of reductions in the Collaborative states.

The following topics were suggested throughout the Technical and Taskforce meeting for the Fuels Subcommittee. A brief discussion of each summarizes who will address the topic and how we may be folding it into our revised Workplan.

- Fact Sheets on Fuels; outreach information to include benefits of alternative fuels and
- Resolve NOx issues with ethanol (E85) and biodiesel. This was requested by one our partners. Rebecca is working with OTAQ to get new fact sheets on all the alternative fuels including ethanol and biodiesel to include the emission impacts from these fuels. By the end of July, we may see the revised fact sheets

- Work with state DOTs and Clean Cities coordinators for E85/alt. fuel road/highway signs. These would be additions to the information signs that designate which brands of gasoline are sold at a highway exit. The desire is to indicate stations that offer E85 or biodiesel. Kenlon will check on two things: the official biodiesel symbol for these signs, and with the Kansas Dept. of Transportation to find how to go about adding the signs. Sandra will check with Texas DOT for the same. Current understanding is that the brands on state highway signs pay the states for the right to advertise that way.

- Network with General Services Administration (GSA) to look at alternative fueled vehicles. Sandra will do this one. Region 6 has already had discussions about GSA fleet vehicles. The GSA is following a Presidential mandate to purchase flex-fuel vehicles and make them available to the various federal fleets in their area. Because of the recent interest in E85 in Texas, Region 6 staff are encouraging Region 6 management to request/select flex-fuel vehicles for the EPA fleet whenever possible.

- Include other alternative fuels in discussions in work plan (acknowledge that they exist though the main focus may remain E85 and biodiesel; include hybrids). The BSC will encourage all alternative fuels and include hybrids in our mission. We will manage these

activities beyond the scope of the Clean Cities programs that already promote these technologies. James suggested that one technology we may be able to freely promote is hydraulic heavy duty hybrids.

-Encourage GPS software (on-board or other) to show E85/alternative fueling stations. On*Star may already include this type of information. Sandra will check with a contact that she heard speak about this last Fall at a workshop.

- US Army E85 challenge. At a sidebar meeting at the BSC June meeting, Ron Diehl put forth this challenge to the Fuels Subcommittee. The Army would like to see E85 available outside each of its installations in BSC states. Ron will provide the location information. Sandra will work with the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition to determine where stations may currently exist and where we could work toward bringing E85 to an area.

-Mention E85fuel.com and National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition in work plan for locations of available stations. Sandra will put this information into the workplan.

- Address Stage II vapor recovery at E85/biodiesel refueling stations in nonattainment areas. Rebecca and Sandra are working together to advance this policy change through OTAQ and OAQPS.

- Updates on Kansas City/ Austin/ Tulsa/ other areas.
 - Kansas City – Johnson County is waiting for final approval of a CMAQ grant that would fund three private and one county E85 facilities.
 - Austin – HEB Grocery Company is opening E85 fuel pumps at five locations along the I-35 corridor from San Antonio to Waco in August
 - Tulsa -- Nancy Graham reported that the Clean Cities Coalition had a stakeholder meeting for E85 at which there was great interest. The main challenge seen by the stakeholders was the price of the fuel and the cost of the infrastructure. The Stakeholders agreed to look at the price of the fuel in 4-6 months and see if it was a more favorable time to proceed. The Clean Cities Coalition will hold an alternative fuels workshop in October at which they will include E85.

- Biodiesel activities – This part of the agenda was not covered on this call. A separate call will be arranged for next week to talk about the following agenda items. Sandra will send out the meeting notice and agenda for the call.

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