



# BLUE SKYWAYS COLLABORATIVE ANNUAL MEETING

*Goods Movement: Needs, Challenges and Opportunities*



## Meeting Agenda

### Wednesday, October 29, 2008

- 10:30 am - 11:00 am                      **Introduction to the Blue Skyways Collaborative (BSC 101)**
- Lunch on your own (Area Restaurants)**
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm                      **Registration**
- 12:00 pm - 12:15 pm                      **Welcome & Announcements**  
*John Askew, US EPA Region 7, Regional Administrator*  
*Carl Edlund, US EPA Region 6, Director, Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division*
- 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm                      **Blue Skyways Task Force Business Meeting (open to all)**  
*Facilitator: John Askew, US EPA Region 7, Regional Administrator*  
- Subcommittee Updates  
*Josh Tapp, US EPA Region 7*  
- Blue Skyways Collaborative Discussion  
*Roundtable of Specific Collaborative Topics*
- 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm                      **Goods Movement Overview**  
*Curtis Morgan, Texas Transportation Institute*
- 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm                      **BREAK**
- 2:15 pm - 2:35 pm                      **Health Effects of Goods Movement**  
*Elena Craft, Environmental Defense Fund*
- 2:35 pm - 3:45 pm                      **Goods Movement Case Studies from Retail Operator Perspective**  
- Goods Movement from Smithfield Foods  
*Dave Townsend, Smithfield Foods – one of the largest meat producers and processors in the nation and owners of the brands of Smithfield, Butterball, John Morrell and Farmland.*  
- Goods Movement from the World's Largest Retailer  
*Mike Parker, Wal-Mart – the world's largest retailer*
- 3:45 pm                                      **ADJOURN**
- 4:15 pm - 6:30 pm                      **Tour of Port San Antonio**  
*Networking Reception to Follow Tour*  
*Refreshments Provided by Port San Antonio*





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### Thursday, October 30, 2008 (continued)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

#### **Session III – Water Ports Needs, Challenges and Opportunities**

*Moderator: Mike Miller, US EPA Region 6*

**- Overview of Needs, Challenges and Opportunities for Water Ports**

*Tom Kornegy, Port of Houston*

**- How changes at the Panama Canal Will Affect American Ports**

*Tom Moore, Port of Corpus Christi*

**- Inland Water Ports**

*Jim Kruse, Texas Transportation Institute*

**- Tug/Tow Project & Barge Emissions Study**

*Mike Miller, US EPA Region 6*

**- Q&A for Water Ports Needs, Challenges and Opportunities**

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

#### **PRESS EVENT**

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

#### **BREAK**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

#### **Session IV – Intermodal Ports Needs, Challenges and Opportunities**

*Moderator: Ruben Casso, US EPA Region 6*

**- Overview of Needs, Challenges and Opportunities for Intermodal Ports**

*Kirk Fauver, FHWA – Texas Division*

**- Solutions Applied to Intermodal Challenges**

*Tom Kelly, BNSF Director of Intermodal Hub Operations and Technology*

**- New Intermodal Corridor Development**

*Jorge Canavati, Port San Antonio*

**- Q&A for Intermodal Ports Needs, Challenges and Opportunities**

5:00 pm

#### **ADJOURN**

Please join us for free evening beverages from 5:30 pm to 7 pm every evening in the Drury Hotel Lobby

Free fountain soda and fresh popcorn in the hotel lobby from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm daily.



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### Friday, October 31, 2008

7:00 am - 8:00 am	<b>Networking &amp; Breakfast</b>
8:00 am - 8:30 am	<b>US EPA Funding</b> SmartWay Supply Chain Model and Funding, NCDC Funding Clean Diesel Funding, Idaho State Finance Center, Unique Projects <i>Amy Bhesania &amp; Ruben Casso, US EPA Region 7 &amp; 6</i>
8:30 am - 9:15 am	<b>Partner Profile 1 - HEB Activities</b> <i>HEB Representatives</i>
9:15 am - 9:30 am	<b>Partner Profile 2 - Green Gas Station</b> <i>Scott Zaremba, Zarco 66</i>
9:30 am - 10 am	<b>Partner Profile 3 - Minnesota Environmental Initiative</b> <i>Bill Doressler, MEI</i>
10:00 am - 10:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 am - 11:00 am	<b>Regulatory Update</b> <i>Tom Diggs and Jim Yarbrough, US EPA Region 6</i>
11:00 am - 11:30 am	<b>Legislative Update</b> <i>Annette Sharp, CenSARA Executive Director</i>
11:30 am - Noon	<b>Conference Summary &amp; Question and Answer</b>
Noon	<b>ADJOURN</b>

**ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE POSTED AT [WWW.BLUESKYWAYS.ORG](http://WWW.BLUESKYWAYS.ORG) AFTER THE CONFERENCE**

The Blue Skyways Collaborative develops public-private partnerships to reduce air pollution in North America's central corridor. Our yearly meetings give partners and participants the opportunity to share ideas and learn more about developing and implementing best practices for environmental improvement. To learn more about the Blue Skyways Collaborative visit [www.blueskyways.org](http://www.blueskyways.org).