

Blue Skyways Collaborative On-Road Subcommittee

Conference Call
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MINUTES

1. Introductions
 - a. New Participants: Dana Brewster-Engine Control Systems, Crystal Ellerbe-International Truck and Engine Corp, Nancy Larson/Ryan Hamel-K-State University Pollution Prevention Institute, Christina Wolfe-Emisstar LLC, Tom Kane-Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - b. Amy to send an updated participant list. Please send changes as needed.
2. Announcements: Upcoming workshops, events & funding opportunities
 - a. DEQ Update – Version 2.0, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the update of the Diesel Emissions Quantifier, DEQ 2.0. Updates included in this version allow the user to:
 - i. Save a limited number of inputs/results online,
 - ii. Download results into an excel or csv file,
 - iii. Incorporate multiple technologies or strategies on a single fleet.
 - iv. EPA believes these advancements will provide users with an easier method to record, make changes, and view results of their diesel emissions reduction calculations.
 - b. Diesel Forum Webinar – Diesel Retrofit Projects, Lessons Learned, Dec 5th. <http://www.dieselforum.org/resources/webinars/>
 - c. Citizens petition to list Diesel Exhaust as a HAP, <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2007/October/Day-30/a21321.htm>
 - d. Idle reduction video from Natural Resources Canada, <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/transportation/business/documents/idling-newsletters/video/calgary-idling-policy.cfm?attr=8>
 - e. GraceHill Settlement House, St. Louis – Hosting Idle Enforcement Panel December 12th.
 - f. Presentations from the Blue Skyways meeting in St. Louis are now on-line at <http://www.blueskyways.org/Meetings/MeetingPresentations.htm>
3. Updates (Clean School Bus, BSC personnel, DERA budget)
 - a. Clean School Bus grants. Currently in final recommendations/awards review. Should have letters out by 2nd week of Dec. Delayed. Letters to be out by 3rd week in December.

- b. BSC Personnel. Amy will be on rotation to the Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) from Jan 13 – March 28th. Mike Miller's detail has been extended for 6 months for the air water rail subcommittee.
 - c. DERA. No news. Potential for DERA to be rolled into Omnibus bill. If not, then would restore funding at FY06 levels.
- 4. Diesel Forums in R7 (Nancy Larson or Ryan Hamel).
 - a. Nancy Larson provided info on the past diesel workshops in Kansas. See document attached to email regarding break-out of attendees and some lessons learned.
 - b. Region 7 states expressed interest at a P2 roundtable in Kansas City of extending the workshops beyond KS (maybe a regional event in Omaha or KC in mid 2008 with an over the road focus. Wisconsin may have a good model to look at. Next steps will be to find out who from the R7 states are still interested and if any R6 states are interested, please let Ruben Casso know.
 - c. Molly expressed interest from the St. Louis project perspective. They are looking to do a workshop in early '08.
- 5. Reflash Update. ODEQ, KDHE, TCEQ proceeding with contacting a few OEM's, large fleets and O/O to better understand barriers. If there are others who are still interested in this, please em Amy so she can put you on the subgroup em list.
- 6. Tech Topic. Supply Chain and SmartWay activity. Matthew Payne, presenter.
 - a. Current SmartWay fleet model works, but SmartWay was hearing from clients that they wanted more information including air/water/rail transportation.
 - b. SmartWay is developing a supply chain model. The first release will include multimodal CO2 emissions. Version 2.0 would include other pollutants.
 - c. SmartWay is working with 7 of the top software providers for logistics and they plan to incorporate the model into their existing software. This will help disseminate the information globally. The software companies were also eager to work with EPA because their clients were starting to ask for this information
 - d. The model will allow comparison on a route by route basis what modes of transportation or routes are the least carbon intensive to assist with decision making.
 - e. Questions: Would this fit in with regulatory credit structure. Answer: That is the hope, but since we don't know what the CO2 regulations will look like, it's hard to say.
- 7. Additional Topics

- a. Miles raised a fuels issue that we may want to consider addressing at the next meeting or getting the fuels group to address. Issue: Blending at the pump. There are stations that are considering this option to sell a range of blends between E10 or E85. Issues with emission testing, boutique fuels, etc. Miles is looking for any information on this topic. Amy has included a letter from EPA regarding fuels blended at the pump.