



## **Air Quality Subcommittee (AQS)**

### **Minutes of Jan. 13, 2008, Meeting**

#### **Attendees**

Beth Gorman, Chair, PDEQ  
Larry Bogdanski, ADEQ  
Steve Burr, ADEQ  
Mukowde Chama, PDEQ  
Zig Fang, TEP  
Joonwon Joo, ADOT  
Chad Lapora, City of Tucson  
Jane McVay, ADOT  
David Schaller, COT  
Sarah Walters, Kleinfelder

#### **PAG Staff**

Lee Comrie  
Sue Cotty  
Ruth Reiman  
Steve Matthews

#### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Beth Gorman at 1:34 p.m. and introductions were made.

#### **2. In-Kind Form**

Attendees were encouraged to sign the in-kind form as appropriate.

#### **3. Call to Audience**

No comments were offered.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes of Sept. 9, 2008**

The subcommittee members unanimously approved the minutes as written.

#### **5. Announcements/Comments**

Lee Comrie noted that the second annual PAG-sponsored Energy Exp09 will be held on March 6 and 7 at the Tucson Convention Center arena.

Ruth Reiman announced an event unveiling the new regional seamless transit system on Jan. 22, 2009, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tucson Convention Center. Additionally, she mentioned that a RideShare coupon book is available upon completion of a PAG online survey. Based upon the data entered, respondents will receive a list of rideshare options and Sun Tran routes tailored to their needs.

## **6. Update on the New Source Review (NSR) Process**

Steve Burr provided a summary of ADEQ's recent activities regarding the NSR process. The goal of the NSR program is to insure that construction or modification to permitted stationary source facilities will not violate the NAAQS. EPA last approved Arizona's NSR rule in 1984, and ADEQ is in the process of updating the rule. Since 1984, ADEQ has adapted various amendments to the state's NSR rule that have led to inconsistencies between the Arizona Administrative Code and the SIP requirements. The revised rule also incorporates elements of EPA's NSR amendments for major sources. There are several types of NSR permits: 1- Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit - for construction or significant modification to major sources in attainment areas; 2- Nonattainment permit - for construction or significant modification to major sources in nonattainment areas; 3-Minor source permits - for facilities not requiring a PSD or nonattainment permit.

Mr. Burr noted several significant issues that must be resolved before EPA can approve the state's revised NSR rules:

- Characterization of minor sources
- Definition of a major modification
- Specifying the timeframe allowed to collect data for baseline emissions
- Base year determination (use the same or different base years for individual pollutants)
- Definition of self-policing by the permitted facility
- Significant revisions to the minor source permit criteria (revised threshold limits for criteria pollutants, conversion to unitary permitting, method of demonstrating NAAQS compliance to EPA).

Starting in the fall of 2008, ADEQ conducted stakeholder meetings to collect comments on its proposed NSR rules; the last stakeholder meeting will be held on Jan. 21, 2009. The rule is expected to be final in one to two years. The fee schedule will be revamped to include new facilities which will be brought into the program due to the lower emission thresholds. PDEQ will be affected by ADEQ's revised NSR rule and will need to amend its rules to comply with state regulations.

## **7. PAG's Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Results Overview**

Sue Cotty provided a summary of the 2008 Regional Community and Government Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory. The PowerPoint presentation is available at: <http://www.pagnet.org/documents/committees/AQS/AQS-2009-01-13-GHGEL.pdf>

## **8. City of Tucson's Actions to Reduce GHG Emissions**

David Schaller summarized the City of Tucson's Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development recent activities. In July 2008, the Mayor approved policies allowing officials to address sustainability issues. The mayor's plan encompasses three general priorities for sustainability enhancements: City government operations, City regulations affecting community practices and the establishment of a Climate Change Advisory Committee. The City Manager's Office recommended candidates for the Committee and the City Council will review their selections in January 2009. Upon approval, the Committee plans to meet in February 2009. This Committee will develop a GHG Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation Plan, proposing community policies and actions needed to reach GHG reduction

goals. To comply with the goals set by the U.S. Mayor's Climate Agreement, City GHG emissions need to decrease by 41 percent by 2012.

The City of Tucson's Energy Plan is undergoing its required 10-year revision and renewal process.

## **9. Air Activities - Roundtable**

Larry Bogdanski mentioned that Sue Keith, ADEQ's Southern Regional Director, will retire at the end of January 2009. Steve Owens, ADEQ's Director, will be leaving his post shortly after Gov. Napolitano's confirmation to President Obama's Cabinet.

Mukowde Chama noted that the Santa Clara monitor recorded an exceedance of the PM<sub>10</sub> standard on Oct. 27, 2008. PDEQ plans to file a Natural/Exceptional Event exemption with ADEQ.

Ruth Reiman reported recent changes to the Travel Reduction Program (TRP):

- The program will include smaller businesses (20 to 99 employees);
- Smaller employer program participants will be required to appoint a Transportation Coordinator and provide information to employees on alternate modes of travel;
- In addition to the small employers' requirements, major employers will submit a user-friendly annual inventory report.

Ms. Reiman also noted that they have received comments from government agencies regarding changes to the Travel Reduction Ordinance. The ordinance is expected to be finalized by July 1, 2009.

PDEQ and PAG staffs are planning for the 2009 Clean Air Days and the Earth Day/Bike Fest in April 2009.

## **10. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Lee Comrie suggested a presentation on Pima County ozone attainment designations, due to be issued in March 2009.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. The next AQS meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2009.