

Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign

Meeting Summary October 2, 2007

Members attending:

George Baker, George Coder, Amy Wainright, Stu Greenberg, Keith Riley, Richard King, Herb Mausser, Frank Foley, Anne Marie Vincent, Elvin Vauss, Bill Skowronski

Facilitators: Linda Kimble, Emily Lee

The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign Group convened for the thirteenth time at the Northeast Regional Sewer District.

Introductions

Review and approve minutes

Minutes for the July meeting were approved.

New Funding, New Beginning

Handouts detailing the Healthy Communities' Air Quality Project were distributed during the meeting.

Funding secured from the Gund and Cleveland Foundation totals-\$161, 799.

Campaign committees were able to meet to discuss their roles and responsibilities for implementing the Healthy Communities Project.

Indoor Environments

The committee had a discussion on expanding projects that the Campaign has implemented previously such as Tools for Schools , and education.

Other projects such as the middle school curriculum will need to be discussed in great detail-specific tasks and steps will be detailed. 1st step for middle school curriculum will be to schedule meeting with the CMSD science curriculum specialist. Several middle school curricula have been developed by US EPA and etc.

IE meeting will be scheduled to work on detailed tasks list for the Health Communities' projects.

Cleaner Diesel Fleets

Linda will send the following information to the committee at their request:

Anti-idling statement from CMSD

Dr. Sumita Khatri's diesel bus study information

Keith Riley and Amy Wainright both recommend contact with Carolyn Watkins of Ohio [EPA-caroly.watkins@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:caroly.watkins@epa.state.oh.us)

Carolyn administers the OEPA school bus grants for retrofits.

Mike Bower –Transportation manager at CMSD will be contacted to find the date(s) of the school bus drivers' mandatory meetings. A mandatory meeting will be a perfect opportunity for the campaign to conduct an education session with the school bus drivers.

Dorr Dearborn–is working on a study in the CMSD on lead–would be a good idea to touch base with him for advice on how to get the buy in for our school bus study–will also need to contact health services.

Amy suggested–our committees may want to work with Colin Johnson, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, as they work with all school districts in Cuyahoga. Good mailing list, newsletters, etc.

Communications

The committee discussed ways/methods of getting the word out about the Campaign and air toxics:

Develop a fact sheet to explain to the public on how things in the air affect humans.

Partner with schools/teachers and companies that are interested in the environment

Work with the City of Cleveland Sustainability committee

Place a CCACC website link on the City of Cleveland website

Have the committee review the Campaign website for feedback

Revisit electronic mailing list database developed by George

Richard Connelly

The WG had a discussion about how our group can recognize and honor Richard Connelly.

Frank Foley (NEORS) stated that the NEORS and LEPC plans to contribute and develop a scholarship fund for students that attends a local college or university with an environmental major. The groups are still working out the details of the scholarship. The donations would be tax deductible–an incentive for other businesses to contribute and participate.

The issue of donating monies directly to the Connelly children for their education was suggested. This type of fund would have to be personal contributions because it would not be tax deductible.

Final decision: The group decided that they would wait to find out more from the NEORS & LEPC about the scholarship fund that they are forming before Campaign funds were donated.

Ohio EPA

Bill Skowronski of Ohio EPA had three announcements:

A.

Environmental Stewardship to be Recognized—October 2007

Governor Ted Strickland and Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski recently announced the creation of a new recognition program to honor companies and organizations that are committed to environmental compliance and demonstrate outstanding achievements in reducing pollution. Nominations for the Governor's Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Stewardship will be accepted through November 15, 2007.

Ohio EPA is seeking applicants who show a commitment to environmental stewardship through:

- a sound track record of environmental compliance and a commitment to go above and beyond regulations to improve environmental performance;
- a mature Environmental Management System (EMS) and integration of the EMS into core business functions;
- aggressive environmental performance goals; and,
- a process for communicating with the local community about program activities and progress toward performance goals.

The awards program is open to any business, industry, trade association, professional organization or local government of Ohio. Applicants may nominate their own organizations. Nominations by second parties are also welcome.

Nominees receiving the highest scores based on the evaluation of written nomination materials will be subject to a site visit by Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention. The site visit is intended to provide reviewers with an opportunity to directly evaluate the nominated activities. Information collected during the site visit will be used as one of the criteria for selecting the final award winners.

Nomination instructions are available at: www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/stewardship.html.

Nomination instructions can also be requested by e-mailing p2mail@epa.state.oh.us or calling 800-329-7518 or 614-644-3469.

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The *Tox-Minus* Pollution Reduction Initiative

Ohio has consistently ranked as one of the top states in toxic chemical emissions since the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) was created in 1987. *Tox-Minus* is a significant step toward a long-term goal of improving Ohio's environment by reducing TRI emissions. As a first step, Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski is asking 100 of the top Toxic Release Inventory reporters for 2005 to identify, evaluate and implement feasible and effective pollution reduction or prevention strategies to reduce waste, air and water-related TRI emissions.

The initiative's name reflects a long-term goal of moving Ohio down in the TRI listings, which will help enhance our image as an environmentally proactive, yet economically competitive state.

Companies participating in *Tox-Minus* will establish their own goals for reducing TRI chemical releases. Reduction goals should cover a five-year time frame, beginning with 2007 as the base reporting year. However, companies can use a longer time frame, if necessary, to achieve meaningful chemical reductions. Participants will also outline how they plan to reduce emissions and submit this information to Ohio EPA. In addition, participants will provide annual updates on their accomplishments to Ohio EPA.

One important objective of this initiative is to publicize the exemplary emission reduction efforts being made by Ohio companies. Companies working to reduce their emissions deserve public credit. Sharing success stories, including the environmental and financial benefits of reducing emissions, can also help encourage other businesses throughout the state to explore pollution reduction or prevention opportunities.

Tox-Minus is initially focused on 100 of Ohio's top TRI reporters. However, any other businesses in Ohio wishing to reduce their TRI emissions are also invited to join the program.

It was suggested that the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign send out letters asking the top Toxic Release Inventory reporters for 2005 participate in *Tox-Minus*. The Communications Committee agreed to discuss the letter at their next meeting keeping in mind the letter would have to be neutral and approved by the full working Group. There was a concern that one of the reporters was an American Lung Association sponsor.

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Chris Korleski, Ohio EPA's Director would like to attend a compliance event related to industry. Please contact Bill if you have an event in mind- Bill.Skowronski@epa.state.oh.us

The Next Working Group Meeting

Linda is using Meeting Wizard to schedule meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30