

Meeting Notes
Small Business Assistance Program
Compliance Advisory Panel Quarterly Meeting
June 27, 2006

The Small Business Assistance Program Compliance Advisory Panel meeting was held at DEQ's Fredericksburg Satellite Office, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Members present: John Dwyer, Patricia Carroll

Members not present: Dyanne Pergerson, Jimmy Mercer, Kelly Harris-Braxton, and Howard Rogers. Ad-Hoc - Mike Thompson,

DEQ Staff: Richard Rasmussen, Chuck McCarty.

Introductions

Mr. Dwyer opened the meeting. Since there was not a quorum, Mr. Dwyer and Ms. Carroll reviewed and discussed the agenda.

Discussion-

- Appointment Status

Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Carroll and Mr. Rasmussen discussed the next steps to be taken to have vacancies filled and replace meeting non-attendees. Mr. Rasmussen was asked to contact Ms. Cindy Berndt at DEQ regarding sending a letter from DEQ Director Paylor or a letter from Chairperson Dwyer or a letter signed by both Mr. Paylor and Mr. Dwyer to each appointing authority for CAP members. Then Mr. Rasmussen will report back to Mr. Dwyer to discuss the next step(s).

- Upcoming Federal and Virginia. Regulations

Mr. Rasmussen gave an overview of the 55 Federal Air Toxic Regulations that will be proposed over the next 5 years and will impact area (smaller) facilities. He explained that EPA is looking to various sources, including small business programs and small business owners, for emission information. He said EPA is also looking at voluntary programs to meet the possible new requirements.

Mr. Rasmussen mentioned that the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) is developing new rules that may become required for Northern Virginia. There was a discussion regarding how CAP can participate in the development of these air regulations that will impact small businesses.

- Update – National SBAP Multi-Media Project

Mr. Rasmussen discussed the issues faced by making all the state SBAPs multi-media programs. These include potential funding and political issues.

- 2006 and 2007 National Conferences

Mr. Rasmussen discussed the SBAP/SBO/CAP 2006 National Conference held March 26-30, 2006 at the Mount Washington Resort at Bretton-Woods in New Hampshire. He stated

that the conference was very successful and enjoyable. The 2007 conference will be held in Minnesota in April or May. He encouraged CAP members to try to attend the 2007 conference.

SBAP Program Report – Mr. Rasmussen reported:

- Auto Body Registration Process and Environmental Results Project for Northern Virginia

The project has slowed drastically due a staffing shortage in Northern VA Regional Office. Currently site visits are scheduled in July to all auto body shops that submitted a compliance checklist. There is discussion of a possible event in September with the shops at Northern VA Regional Office that would be around the time of the Washington Metropolitan Auto Body Association's meeting and a visit by Iowa's Mobile Outreach for Pollution prevention vehicle (MOPP).

- Clean Air Partners Printing Project

Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Dwyer discussed the status of this project and areas that might need follow-up.

- Project for Small Boilers

Mr. Rasmussen discussed the potential project to aid businesses/facilities with small boilers to be in compliance and energy efficient. The project might include development of materials, site visits, boiler tune-ups, etc.

- Loan Fund Status

The fund presently has a small balance of available capital.

- Regional Anti-Idling Project

Pennsylvania and Delaware are piloting a loan program for Region 3 to award funds to truckers for anti-idling equipment. There may be more money available later for Maryland and Virginia to loan to truckers.

- Potential Projects

Mr. Dwyer mentioned the county brochures that were done several years ago and what was the status. Mr. Rasmussen explained 2 were done but that very labor intensive to make specific to each county. Mr. McCarty suggested making a generic brochure that could be used in any county. Mr. Dwyer also mentioned possibility of having another meeting like that 6 or 7 years ago where the CAP met with Karen Brown, EPA's Small Business Ombudsman, and several trade associations to discuss environmental regulatory issues facing small businesses.

Future Meetings

The future meetings were tentatively scheduled for September 12th and December 12th. The sites are to be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 PM.