

AGENDA

The 10th meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Improvement of Air Quality in the Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua / El Paso, Texas / Doña Ana County, New Mexico Air Basin

DATE: Thursday February 25, 1999
TIME: 10:00 am - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Chamizal Memorial Meeting Room.
El Paso, Texas

1. Welcome and introduction. Federal Co-Chairs
2. Presentation and approval of current agenda JAC Members
3. Approval of minutes of the 14 December, 1998 meeting
Bill Luthans
Dr. Victor Hugo Paramo

Consent Agenda

New Members- Summary: At the previous meeting of the JAC, the EPA announced that a new member of the JAC would be appointed to the position designated for an academic institution. The EPA received four nominations for the position, and selected a candidate. **Today's Action:** The new JAC member will be introduced in the opening comments of the U.S. co-chair. **Contact Person:** Bill Luthans, EPA.

Oxygenated fuels in Sunland Park - Summary: At the previous meeting, members requested an opinion from the State of New Mexico, on a proposal to require that oxygenated fuel be distributed in filling stations in Sunland Park. The JAC Strategic Plan addresses this proposed action. The JAC mobile source technical commission will study and assess the cost and impact of this proposal. Results will be presented to the JAC to discuss next steps as appropriate. **Today's Action:** None. **Contact Person:** Cecilia Williams, NMED.

Dedicated Commuter Lane - Summary: The Dedicated Commuter Lane is scheduled to open July 1999. **Today's Action:** None. **Contact Person:** Dr. Carlos Rincon.

Vehicle Importation- Summary: The JAC and the Air Work Group acknowledged in previous meetings that vehicles imported from the United States into Mexico present a problem for urban air pollution in Paso del Norte because these vehicles may pollute significantly. The JAC Strategic Plan includes the study of this issue as a mobile source priority. The JAC also agreed to create a technical commission to study the issue and provide recommendations to the Air Work Group. **Today's Action:** None. **Contact Person:** JAC Mobile Sources Work Group.

Strategic Plan - Update on activities to date on development of a Strategic Plan for the JAC. Observations have been received from JAC members and the general public. The JAC Strategic Plan is in the final stages of editing and translation into English and Spanish prior to printing and distribution to JAC members

Regular Agenda – (2-3 minute summaries)

Nominations for US Member. The U.S. Delegation will announce the vacancy created due to the departure of Mr. Danny Vickers.

Bill Luthans

Air Quality Report.

Alma Leticia Figueroa,
Jesus Reynoso, Cecilia Williams

Oxygenated Fuel In Juarez. Summary: The Joint Advisory Committee and the Air Work Group recommended to PEMEX that oxygenated fuel be supplied in Juarez for retail sale. PEMEX has analyzed the idea and contacted Chevron Inc. about the possibility that this fuel be offered.

Daniel Chacon
Biol. Guadalupe de la Luz

Juarez Vehicle I/M.- Summary: Update on the recommendation from the Air Work Group to the Governor and Congress of the State of Chihuahua regarding a Vehicle Verification Program for Cd. Juarez.

Biol. Alma Leticia Figueroa

Juarez Vehicle I/M. Summary: The JAC has discussed the Cd. Juarez 1999 Vehicle (Emissions) Verification Program, and the need to make an emissions inspection mandatory in order for vehicle owners to register their vehicles. While this had been a requirement, currently a vehicle need not pass such an inspection to receive registration. **Recent developments:** The State of Chihuahua and City of Juarez have worked to make the program mandatory but with certain exceptions or vehicle compliance periods to ease the transition to a mandatory system.

Biol. Luis Carlos Salmeron

New Regional Power Plant/Mutual Notification Protocol. Summary: The EPA learned through notice in the Federal Register that the U.S. Department of Energy had received a request for a Presidential Permit to construct power transmission lines across the border, and construct a power generation plant to sell power across the border to Mexico. **Recent Developments:** The EPA obtained a copy of the application from Dynergy Inc. and forwarded a copy to the Air Work Group Co-chair for Mexico. In the spirit of mutual notification regarding potential major sources of air pollution, the EPA supplied the copy with a cover letter explaining the status of the current application. The proposal appears planned for Sta. Teresa, NM. **Today's Action:** None. **Contact:** NMED

Regular Agenda -- (Max 15 minute discussions)

Environmental Health Fair in Cd. Juarez-
Report on the Health Fair and JAC Involvement

Biol. Alma L. Figueroa
Dr. Elaine Barron
Dra. Ma. Teresa Zorilla

Paso del Norte Clean Cities Coalition Report

- Ozone Action Days
- Alternate & Renewable Fuels Projects
- Heavy Duty Vehicles Pilot Project

Carlton Bennett, PdNCCC
Carlos Rincon

6. New Initiatives

EPA/ORD Health Study (10 minutes)

Allyson Siwik

7. Observations and Comments from the Public

Federal Co-chairs

8. Highlights and consensus items of the meeting.

Federal Co-chairs

9. Establishment of date for next meeting

Federal Co-chairs

10. Adjournment

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