

AGENDA

The 11th 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 May 27, 1999
TIME: 10:00 am - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Museum of Archeology - Int. Parque Chamizal
Cd. Juárez, Chihuahua

1. Welcome and introduction. Federal Co-Chairs
2. Presentation and approval of current agenda JAC Members
3. Approval of minutes of the 25 February, 1999 JAC meeting JAC Members

Announcement of New JAC Members

Bill Luthans, EPA

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

Consent Agenda Written Updates - submitted for approval

-Oxygenated Fuel In Juarez.

Summary: The Joint Advisory Committee and the Air Work Group sent a letter to PEMEX responding to PEMEX request for information regarding the supply, cost, and source of oxygenate for fuel to be distributed for retail sale in Juarez. An update will be provided regarding PEMEX response. **Today's Action:** None. **Contact Person:** Dr. Victor Hugo Paramo, INE.

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Regular Agenda Short (2-3 Minute) Updates

Air Quality Report -

-Air Quality report for Jan-Mar 1999 will be presented.

Biol. Luis Carlos Salmeron, DGE
Joe Rodriguez, EPCCHED
Fabian Macias, NMED

-PM2.5 Report for Southern Doña Ana County, NM

Update on SEP legislation

Recently the Texas Legislature approved a bill to allow the negotiation of Transboundary a Supplemental Environmental Projects.

Tom Martin, ASARCO

Update on SEP implementation mechanisms.

EPA and PROFEPA have recently discussed issues regarding implementation mechanisms for Transboundary SEPs A brief update will be given.

Matthew Witosky

Update on National Coordinators Meeting, May 12-14, 1999

The National Coordinators for the La Paz Agreement met in Ensenada, Baja California to discuss US-Mexico Environmental Activity; among the issues discussed were the activities of the JAC.

Matthew Witosky

Update on DELPHI Ambient Monitoring Station in Juarez.

The Department of Ecology and EPCCHED recently completed installation and began operation of a new Continuous Ambient Monitoring Station in Juarez.

Biol. Alma Leticia Figueroa
General Director, Ecology Dept

Cd. Juarez 1999 Vehicle (Emissions) Verification Program

Cd. Juarez "Green Patrols" will be discussed

Biol. Luis Carlos Salmeron

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,

Update on discussions during the Western Governors' Association Meeting held in San Antonio, TX. Topics discussed include: 1) Vehicle Importation, 2) Dedicated Commuter Lane, 3) Border Bridge Congestion by Commercial Vehicles.

Biol. Alma Leticia Figueroa,
General Director, Ecology Dept.

Comments and observations by the Public

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Regular Agenda (10-15 minute discussions)

"Think of the Earth"

-A video on "Green Education" produced by the Cd. Juarez Department of Ecology and Emergency Response

Biol. Luis Carlos Salmeron

Strategic Plan

Submittal of the Final Draft Strategic Plan for approval by the JAC.

Ing. Luis Raul Cordova, INE
Allyson Siwik, EPA

Report on Ambient Air Quality and Acute Pediatric Respiratory Illness in the Paso del Norte Airshed.

The objective of this study was to examine the temporal association between daily counts of asthma related visits to emergency rooms and the ambient levels of ozone and PM₁₀ in the PDN airshed.

Jim VanDerslice, PhD., UTHSPH
Rebecca Hart, CDC, Atlanta, GA
M.en C Beatriz Vera, PDNHF

Oxygenated fuels in Sunland Park

At previous meetings, JAC 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. NMED will provide an update on this request.

Cecilia Williams,
Air Quality Bureau Chief, NMED

Clean Air Partnership

Ozone Action Days Program - with an expected kick-off date of June 10, 1999, the CAP will present its public notification program to announce an Ozone Action Day and reduce the level of mobile source air pollution into the Paso del Norte Airshed

Veronica Carbajal
CAP Coordinator

Alternate Fuels Presentation

Discussion of alternate fuels for public transportation in the Paso del Norte Air basin.

Carlton Bennett, PDN Clean Cities
Ing. Salvador Gonzalez, IMIP

Public Transportation Plan for Cd. Juarez

The Cd. Juarez Institute for Metropolitan Planning and Research is developing a plan to improve the flow and efficiency in the public transportation system. Various options are available including alternate fuels and electro-motive trains

Ing. Salvador Gonzalez, IMIP

6. New Initiatives

7. Observations and Comments from the Public

8. Highlights and consensus items of the meeting.

9. Establishment of date for next meeting

10. Adjournment

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