

AGENDA

The 19th 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, September 20, 2001
TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION: University of Texas at El Paso - College of Health Sciences
1101 N. Campbell - 1st floor auditorium
El Paso, Texas

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Federal Co-Chairs |
| 2. Presentation and approval of current agenda | JAC Members |
| 3. Approval of minutes of the June, 2001 JAC meeting | JAC Members |
| 4) Announcements | |
| 5) Consent Agenda and Written Updates | |

Old Business

- 1) The air quality group will take a look at daily high concentrations either hourly or through the standard to determine trends in the average concentrations at monitoring sites in EP, NM and Juarez.
- 2) There's been a long standing request for the Smoking Vehicle Hotline statistics. Data will be presented today.
- 3) The JAC will form a Technical Commission to continue discussions on TNRCC's pending request for redesignation and provide further comments.
- 4) Pilar Leal recommended that the Strategic Plan Technical Commission meet w/in the next 3 weeks to continue providing data on the various programs to update the plan, see what's completed, see what missing, and update performance indicators
- 5) There's a pending request re: North American Corridors from Dr. Adrian Fernandez.
- 6) There is a pending request for PM2.5 data from the El Paso PM2.5 monitoring network. Data will be reported.
- 7) A request was made for NADB to present details of the expanded mandate.
- 8) NMED was requested to present 1st quarter 2001 air quality data at the next JAC meeting .
- 9) Adrian Vazquez requests any data on fuel oxygenates be forwarded to him.

New items:

EMPACT Grant update

Several Paso del Norte Institutions recently received \$0.5 Million for environmental monitoring community reporting. Equipment for purchase of An update is provided on what's been done to date.

SB749 Implementation

The TNRCC in cooperation w/ the JAC Brickmakers Technical Commission shall conduct a study of the brick-making processes near both sides of the border between Texas and Mexico. TNRCC will solicit the advice of experts from parties involved in brickkiln research and brickmaking processes. A report will be submitted to the Texas Legislature as required by law. A first draft is due by 3/15/02.

6) Regular Agenda

Air Quality Report (10 minutes)

-Air Quality report for the 2nd quarter 2001 (El Paso & Juarez)
-Air Quality Report for the 1st & 2nd quarter 2001 (NM data)

Jesus Reynoso
EPCCHED

Ozone Action Days Report (10 minutes)

Several Ozone Action Days and at least 1 exceedance have occurred during this ozone season. An update on this year's OAD program is provided.

Carlton Bennett
Paso del Norte Clean
Cities Coalition

Seasonal Fuels Programs (15 minutes)

Beginning Oct. 1, oxygenated gasoline will be distributed once more in El Paso and Juarez to reduce mobile source CO emissions. Both programs will be discussed.

Alma Leticia Figueroa
Chuy Reynoso

Cd. Juarez Meteorological Monitoring Network (10 minutes)

A meteorological monitoring network is being established to improve data collection and reporting under the direction of the University of Cd. Juarez. Network description, current needs, and long term plans are discussed.

Ing. Sergio Chaparro
UACJ

Natural Events Action Plan - NEAP - for Doña Ana County, New Mexico (15 minutes)

Preparing a NEAP for sections of Doña Ana County may allow certain protections under the PM NAAQS given these section's proximity to El Paso and Cd. Juarez.

Gail Cooke
New Mexico
Environment Department

Air Quality Activities at the University of Texas - El Paso (10 minutes)

UTEP is undertaking a wide range of air quality activities. From visibility research to posting air quality data on the Internet, to characterization of particulate matter UTEP builds marketable skills for its students and provides valuable information to the community.

Bob Gray, P.E.
Jim Parks, Ph.D.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Report (15 minutes)

In the T-21 budget there is an item earmarking \$43 Million for construction of a fixed guideway across the international border. The new MPO unified planning work program contains a task to be performed by Sun Metro or their consultant to undertake the alternative analysis study required by the FTA (Federal Transit Administration) to secure these funds (Section 5309 New Starts Appropriations).

Chuck Kooshian
El Paso Metropolitan
Planning Organization

International Bus Transit System (15)

The Red Buses are Back!! Recent activities to reactivate the Red Buses indicate a return to international mass transit. A report on this program will be provided.

Irene Garcia-Godoy
Principal
International Bus Lines

Clean Air Investment Fund Development (15 minutes)

A report on today's meeting is provided.

Heather Himmelberger
University of New Mexico

El Paso and Cd. Juarez Smoking Vehicles Program (20 minutes)

To keep Paso del Norte air quality clean, smoking vehicle programs in El Paso and Juarez identify polluting vehicle owners. Regional statistics and enforcement programs are discussed.

Jesus Reynoso
Luis Carlos Salmeron

El Paso Inspection Maintenance Program (20 minutes)

El Paso is required to measure emissions during the annual vehicle inspection process as part of a State Implementation Plan to limit motor vehicle emissions. Texas DPS is charged with conducting compliance inspections of Texas Vehicle Inspection Stations. A discussion on enforcement and upcoming developments in the I/M Program is presented.

Rose Chavez
Texas Department of
Public Safety

7. Observations and Comments from the Public

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8. Highlights and consensus items of the meeting.

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9. Establishment of date for next meeting

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10. Adjourn

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