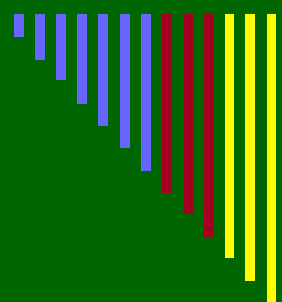


# Identifying APF Priorities

**November 15-17, 2005**

**El Paso, TX**

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## 3 Border Air Quality Events November 15-17, 2005

- Workshop to explore ways to reduce truck idling at border crossings --- Nov 15, 8:00–1:00
  
- Border Air Policy Forum (APF) *ad hoc* Subgroup Mtng---Nov 15, 1:30–6:15
  - Will focus on 2 of the 4 key areas identified by APF participants as priorities.
  - Goal is to advance discussion of priorities at the implementation level.

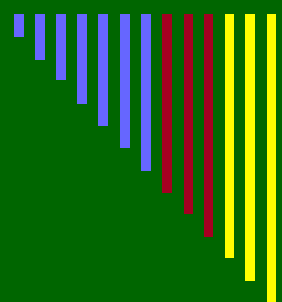


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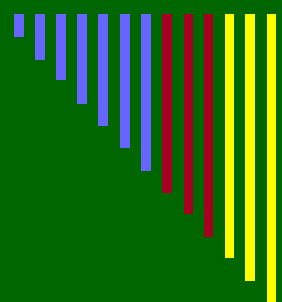
### □ CAAAC sessions

- Concurrent subcommittee sessions, including joint session with APF Subgroup --- morning of Nov 16
  - Tours --- afternoon of Nov 16
  - Full CAAAC mtng --- Nov 17, with panel discussions on:
    - Binational Air Quality Management in the Border Region
    - Transportation and Air Quality in the Border Region
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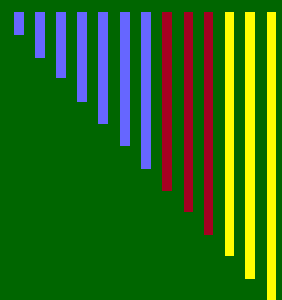
# Workshop to Explore Truck Idling Reduction Strategies

- Supported by EPA R6, with strong participation from OTAQ
- Focus on introducing the issue, including overview of MX truck economics and characteristics, the Customs/Aduanas perspectives, and environmental impacts
- Highlights of several pilot projects were presented
- Panel discussion on technological and behavioral alternatives (SmartWay, truckstop electrification, retrofit and buy back programs, etc).



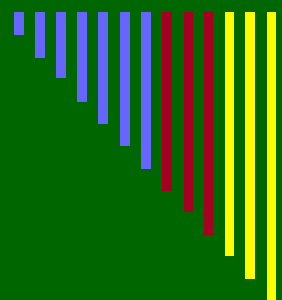
## APF Subgroup Mtng: Background

- Process to identify border air quality related priorities began in October 2004 with first APF mtng in Tijuana.
- Very broad recommendations came out of that meeting
- Recommendations were refined/narrowed and discussed at the second APF meeting in April 2005 in Tucson.
- Recommendations were then sent out for comment in mid-April 2005.
- Those comments have now been synthesized and further refined.



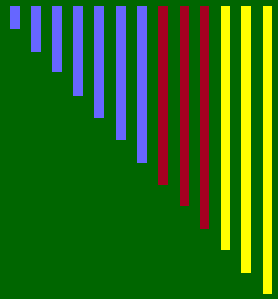
## Background cont.

- Comments received did not provide the level of specificity needed to advance (at the implementation level) in the priority areas.
- In response, an *ad hoc* subgroup is being called together to identify and prioritize more specific actions that are needed to progress in each of the (following) four main areas:



## 4 Main Areas of Concern

- The need for improved information exchange and outreach to address the lack of real-time, high quality air quality monitoring and health surveillance data availability and compatibility.
- The need to support a cross-border approach to addressing air quality management in the various transboundary airsheds throughout the US-Mexico border region.



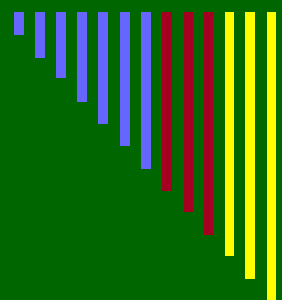
## 4 Main Areas of Concern cont.

- The need to reduce particulate matter (PM) emissions through:
  - (a) Reducing emissions from diesel sources
  - (b) Increasing the availability of ultra low sulfur diesel in the border region



## 4 Main Areas of Concern cont.

- The request for workshops/training sessions to build capacity related to the following issues:
  - emission inventories
  - inspection and maintenance programs
  - financial and market-based mechanisms:
    - revolving funds
    - clean air investment fund (CAIF)
    - leveraging NADBank projects and funds
    - supplemental environmental projects (SEPs)
    - emissions trading
  - best management practices regarding:
    - energy efficiency and conservation
    - agricultural practices, including open burning
    - other open burning
    - road dust



## Next Steps

- Two of the priority areas will be explored by the *ad hoc* subgroup on November 15.
- Several of the topics identified as part of the training capacity building priority area will be discussed on Nov 16-17 with the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC).
- The other areas will need to be explored in the near future (before or at the 2006 NCM).
- Results/recommendations from the *ad hoc* sub group discussions will be vetted to the full APF at the 2006 NCM.