

Draft AGENDA

The 16th 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: Wednesday October 4, 2000
TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: EPCCHED WIC Training Center
Tigua Village Shopping Center
500-D Carolina, El Paso, Texas

1. Welcome and Introductions Federal Co-Chairs
2. Presentation and approval of current agenda JAC Members
3. Approval of minutes of the March, 2000 JAC meeting JAC Members

4) Announcements

At the previous JAC meeting, the U.S. announced it would be seeking a new member to appoint to a position designated for the business sector. Today's Action: An update will be provided.

Mr. Bill Luthans, EPA

5) Consent Agenda Written Updates

Update on Used Tire Initiative for Cd. Juarez

-The Cd. Juarez Ecology Department recently submitted to the BECC a proposal for the NADBANK-financed purchase of a tire shredder to help dispose of over 5 million tires located at the Cd. Juarez landfill. An update will be provided.

JAC Strategic Plan

Efforts are still underway to edit, update, and translate the Strategic Plan. **Today's Action:** None **Contacts:** Allyson Siwik-EPA, Luis Raul Cordova-INE-SEMARNAP, Victor Valenzuela-TNRCC; Carlos Rincon-Environmental Defense

6) Regular Agenda

Air Quality Report (10 minutes)

-Air Quality report for June-August, 2000 will be presented.
-NMED air quality for Jan-June, 2000 will be provided

Joe Rodriguez, EPCCHED
Fabian Macias, NMED

Regional Monitoring Station Visits (10 minutes)

On August 9, 2000 site visits were conducted at several air quality monitoring stations located in the Paso del Norte airshed. Several recommendations were submitted to improve and expand the current regional monitoring network.

Biol. Gerardo Tarin
DGE

Integration of Regional CAMS (10 minutes)

Activity to integrate regional CAMS is accelerating. A CAMS Technical Commission consisting of TNRCC, NMED, DGEDU, EPA, UTEP, UACJ and other interested parties has been established to streamline integration of the CAMS to provide near real-time ambient monitoring data. Discussions are currently underway to install satellite communications in the Juarez CAMS.

Bob Gray, P.E.
UTEP

Cd. Juarez 2000 Vehicle (Emissions) Verification (VV) Program (5 minutes)

The Cd. Juarez Vehicle (Emissions) Verification Program is reaching its goal of having 50% of vehicles inspected by year's end. A report on this and next year's VV program will be provided.

Biol. Luis Carlos Salmeron
DGE

National Coordinators Meeting Update - (5 minutes)

The recent meeting of the AWG provided an opportunity to update the group of activity on the JAC. A report on the meeting and comments submitted on behalf of the JAC will be provided.

Matthew Witosky
EPA

El Paso Seasonal Fuels Program (10 minutes)

El Paso's Seasonal Fuels Programs are designed to help reduce ozone in Summer and carbon monoxide (CO) during winter. A report on the impact of these programs will be provided.

Jesus Reynoso, El Paso City-
County Environmental District
EPCCHED

Oxygenated Fuels Technical Commission Report (10 minutes)

During the recent JAC meeting the Oxygenated Fuels Technical Commission recommended the development of a Federal Rule (NOM) on the Mexican side to require the distribution of oxygenated gasoline in Cd. Juarez during the winter season. A report on recent discussions w/ INE and PEMEX for development of an oxyfuels program in Juarez will be provided.

Dr. Carlos Rincon,
Environmental Defense

Emissions Reduction Credits Trading Tech. Commission Workshop (10min)

On Sept. 22 NMSU will have sponsored a workshop in Cd. Juarez to discuss various aspects of developing an International Emissions Reduction Credits Trading Program. Results of that workshop will be presented.

Dr. Soumen Ghosh, NMSU
Miguel Angel Alcantara, NMSU

Ozone Action Days (OAD) Program (10 minutes)

Cooler weather means the end of the ozone season and the beginning of the CO season in the Paso del Norte Region. A number of Ozone Action Days were called. An update on this year's program and an Air Quality Symposium will be provided.

Veronica Carbajal
OAD Coordinator

Travel Demand Model Grant (10 minutes)

The El Paso MPO received a grant from U.S. EPA to develop binational travel demand models to study the feasibility of different modes for crossing the U.S./Mexico border and assess their environmental impacts. A report will be provided

Chuck Kooschian
El Paso MPO

Cd. Juarez Roadway Improvement Study (15 minutes)

Recently a study was conducted to sample and model Particulate Emissions from Cd. Juarez Roadways. This project involved participation from Cd. Juarez Ecology Dept, IMIP, UACJ, EPA, and TNRCC. Methods and results will be presented.

Biol Gerardo Tarin, DGE
Salvador Gonzalez, IMIP

7. New Initiatives

A Legislative Technical Committee will be forming on the U.S. side to provide guidance for the upcoming 2001 Session of the Texas Legislature.

Archie Clouse
TNRCC

8. Observations and Comments from the Public

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9. Highlights and consensus items of the meeting.

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10. Establishment of date for next meeting

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11. Adjourn

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Directions:

On I-10, take McRae exit; At the McRae / I-10 intersection go South for about 1/2 mile.

You'll be on Giles Street. At Carolina turn right.

The Meeting site is at the Tigua Village Shopping Center at the Intersection of Carolina & North Loop on the east side of the office complex. Sign on the building entrance says, "EPCCHED - WIC Training Center".