

## AGENDA

The 13<sup>th</sup> 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 December 2, 1999  
TIME: 10:00 am - 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: EPCCHED WIC Training Center  
Tigua Village Shopping Center (Directions Below)  
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 2 September, 1999 JAC meeting JAC Members

### Announcements

Dra Andrea Javalera will be introduced as a new member on the JAC representing the Health Sector in Mexico Dr. Victor Hugo Paramo, INE

**Asarco** was recently purchased by Grupo Mexico -an update on the purchase will be provided. Tom Martin, Asarco

Proposal to establish an Air & Waste Management Association "Paso del Norte Chapter" Tom Martin, Asarco

### Ecology Laws for the State of Chihuahua

Public Hearings are currently taking place across Chihuahua to reform, sunset or update the Ecology Law for the State. On 12 November a public hearing was held in Juárez.

Ing. Cesar Nuñez,  
Dirección Gen. de Ecología del  
Estado de Chihuahua

### Clean Industries Program of Mexico

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Certification of Clean Industries occurred on 17 Nov. 1999. 12 industries in the State of Chihuahua were certified; 9 of those certifications were presented to industries located in Cd. Juárez. **Today's action:** None

Quim. Pilar Leal Hernandez  
Delegada, PROFEPA

## Consent Agenda Written Updates

### JAC Strategic Plan

Efforts are underway to edit, update, and translate the Strategic Plan to present for publication one document in English and Spanish. The Strategic Plan Technical Commission will convene to update the time lines for completion of activities.

**Today's Action:** None

### Update on Dedicated Commuter Lane (DCL)

The DCL was dedicated and began operation on 7 September. **Today's Action:** None.

### Update on Used Tire Initiative for Cd. Juárez

Currently over 4 million tires are located at the Cd. Juárez landfill. Hundreds more are imported into Juárez each month aggravating the situation. It was agreed to discuss this issue with the Border XXI Solid Waste Workgroup. **Today's Action:** None.

### Epidemiological Surveillance Study

An Epidemiological Surveillance Study Associated with Air Pollution is planned for Cd. Juárez by the Health Services for the State of Chihuahua. **Today's Action:** None

Dra. Andrea Javalera  
Health Service for the  
State of Chihuahua

## Regular Agenda

Short Updates

### **Air Quality Report** - (5 minutes each)

- Air Quality report for Jul-Sept 1999 will be presented.
- Continuous PM-10 and PM2.5 Air Quality Data
- PM2.5 Report for Southern Doña Ana County, NM

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

### **Paso del Norte Clean Cities Coalition**

An update on this year's first Ozone Action Days Program will be provided.

Veronica Carbajal, Coordinator  
Ozone Action Days Program

### **Cd. Juárez 1999 Vehicle (Emissions) Verification (VV) Program**

Cd. Juárez, in July, began enforcement of a VV Program as established under Article 20 of the State of Chihuahua Transit Laws. An update on the success of this program will be provided. (5 minutes)

Biol. Alma Leticia Figueroa  
DGE

### **Oxygenated Fuels In Juárez.**

Summary: The Joint Advisory Committee and the Air Work Group support the development of an oxyfuels program for Cd. Juárez. Various communiqués between PEMEX and INE have been exchanged addressing the supply, cost, and source of oxygenate for fuel that could be distributed for retail sale in Juárez. A response from PEMEX will be provided. (5 minutes)

Dr. Victor Hugo Paramo  
INE

### **El Paso Oxygenated Fuels Program**

A presentation on results of the first phase of compliance inspections for the El Paso oxyfuels program will be provided. (5 minutes)

Jesus Reynoso  
El Paso City-County  
Environmental District

### **Regional Haze, Open Burning, & Brick Plant Issues**

Winter-season in Paso del Norte includes notification of the burn-no burn advisories. The JAC has agreed to provide advisories to all communities in the airshed. Open burning and issues regarding brickplants will also be discussed. (5 minutes)

Jesus Reynoso  
El Paso City-County  
Environmental District

### **Comments and observations by the Public**

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Regular Agenda (5-15 minute presentations with discussion)

### **Crafting Efficient Policies to Control Emissions From Brickkilns in Cd. Juárez**

Resources for the Future researchers propose implementing use of ISC-3 (Industrial Source Complex Dispersion Model) to estimate pollutant concentrations from Cd. Juárez brickkilns and methods of controlling emissions to improve public health. (15 minutes)

Allen Blackman, Ph.D.  
Research Fellow, RFF

### **International SEPs**

The TNRCC has developed guidelines for negotiating international SEPs with a responsible party involved in an enforcement action. How do SEPs work, how are they negotiated, what are the guidelines? (15 minutes)

Scottie Aplin,  
SEP Coordinator, TNRCC

### **Update on Regional Forestry Programs**

As indicated in its Strategic Plan, the JAC proposes to strengthen reforestation programs to reduce air pollution by controlling soil erosion and sequestering CO2.

### **City of Socorro Forestation Program**

The City of Socorro has developed a program to reforest sections of the Mission district which is site of some of the oldest Missions in the U.S. (10 minutes)

Delia Ponce,  
City of Socorro

### **ALCOA-Fujimora 1,000,000 Trees Program**

EPIC Components, a subsidiary of ALCOA-Fujimori, has established a program to plant 1,000,000 across the US. A summary of this effort will be provided. (10 minutes)

Millie Gonzalez,  
EPIC Components

**Texas Forest Service / West Texas Urban Forestry Council**

The TFS/ WTFC has an established program to plant trees in the Paso del Norte region which are drought resistant and capable of controlling air pollution. A presentation on technical issues surrounding carbon sequestration, canopy, and control of soil erosion will be provided. (10 minutes)

Oscar Mestas,  
Texas Forest Service  
John White, President  
W. TX Urban Forestry Council  
(Los Tree Amigos)

**Direccion de Parques y Jardines de Cd. Juárez**

SEMARNAP has established a goal of planting 1,000,000 trees. A presentation on the Cd. Juárez Forestation Program will be provided. (10 minutes)

Biol. Epifanio Hernandez,  
Director Parques y Jardines

**The El Paso Inspection and Maintenance Program**

The El Paso I/M program includes enforcement actions and detection of fraudulent stickers and practices. A presentation will be provided on the enforcement program as well as statistics on vehicle passing rates. (15 minutes)

Ms. Rose Chavez,  
Ms. Kathleen Martin,  
Texas Department of  
Public Safety

6. New Initiatives

7. Observations and Comments from the Public

JAC Federal Co-Chairs

8. Highlights and consensus items of the meeting.

JAC Federal Co-Chairs

9. Establishment of date for next meeting

10. Adjournment

**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".