

AGENDA

The 17th 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, March 22, 2001
TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Museum of Archeology
Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua

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

Introduction of new members on the JAC. Mr. Bill Luthans, EPA

BECC / NADBANK

Recent changes to the mandate which governs the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC) and North American Development Bank (NADBANK) allow for funding of air quality improvement initiatives. A brief introduction will be presented.

Mr. Fernando Macias
General Director
BECC

5) Consent Agenda Written Updates

Old Business

Several items were recommended during the previous JAC meeting. An update of accomplishments to date is requested and reported in writing on the following Action Items:

1) Alma Figueroa asked that the used tire issue remain on the agenda to try to find a solution to this issue, and in regards this issue JAC members would be authorized to meet w/ external agencies to try to find a solution. Alma will be the Chair of this Technical Commission.

2) An effort will be undertaken to place the air quality data ahead in the queue for validation purposes and presentation to the JAC.

3) A Technical Commission will meet to help Mexico obtain its air quality monitoring equipment.

4) The Task Force has the ability to defend and advocate the work of the JAC, the Junta Municipal, and INE in their Juarez Air Quality Plan. Task Force members from Mexico are encouraged to use the JAC Strategic Plan, the Juarez Air Quality Plan, and the MOU integrated into the Juarez Air Quality Plan, as the agenda for the region that can be adopted and continued by the new administration. All three components indicate essential progress that representatives of all the organizations want to see recognized and continued.

5) Chuy Reynoso will take the lead to work w/ the Clean Air Partnership to provide local forecasting for CO Action Days.

6) The Strategic Plan will be reviewed to check on progress of the 26 priority projects.

Paso del Norte O3/CO modeling study

Results from the EPA funded Paso del Norte O3/CO modeling study will be provided. A more in-depth presentation will be provided at the upcoming JAC meeting.

6) Regular Agenda

Biol Gerardo Tarin, DGE
Fabian Macias, NMED

Air Quality Report (10 minutes)

-Air Quality report for the 4th quarter 2000 will be presented.

Biol Gerardo Tarin
DGE

Regional Monitoring Station Improvements (10 minutes)

On August 9, 2000 site visits were conducted at several air quality monitoring stations located in the Paso del Norte airshed. An update on improvements to Cd. Juarez CAMS will be provided.

Integration of Regional CAMS (15 minutes)

An update is provided on integration of the Cd. Juarez CAMS to provide near real-time ambient monitoring data. Mexico's National Air Quality Monitoring Network is expanding into Juarez with integration of Juarez CAMS into the National Network.

Bob Gray
UTEP
Biol. Luis Carlos Salmeron
DGE

Integration of Cd. Juarez Meteorological Network

Cd. Juarez is expanding and integrating its Met. network. An update is provided

Ing. Sergio Chaparro
UACJ

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

The Cd. Juarez Vehicle Inspection Program for 2001 includes new emissions testing equipment with associated software and new ideas such as gas cap replacement.

Biol. Luis Carlos Salmeron
DGE

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
EPCCHED

ASARCO Agreed Order Update (10 minutes)

ASARCO recently entered into an Agreed Order (AO) to pave roadways in El Paso. An update on the background leading to and progress on the AO will be provided.

Lairy Johnson
Environmental Manager
ASARCO

Paso del Norte Environmental Health Coalition

An update is provided regarding the integration of a coalition on Environmental Health in the Paso del Norte Region.

Dr. Enrique Suárez
FEMAP

Particulate Matter (PM) Mortality and Visibility Research (15 minutes)

UTEP recently completed a study to correlate mortality to elevated PM levels. Current visi research funded by EPA and TNRCC and presented on the Internet provides near rehelps

Jim Parks, PhD
UTEP

EMPACT Grant Update (10 minutes)

EPA last year approved a grant to UTEP, El Paso MPO, and IMIP for regional air quality initiatives and community reporting. A report on work in progress and accomplishments will be provided.

Bob Gray, P.E., UTEP
Salvador Gonzalez
IMIP & 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. A final report will be provided..

Salvador Gonzalez
IMIP & El Paso MPO

7. New Initiatives

Strategic Plan Development

26 action items are identified in the JAC Strategic Plan as Priority Projects. A recommendation to review the level of project completion will be presented.

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Legislative Proposals

In October, 2000 a meeting of the JAC Legislative Committee met w/ El Paso Senator Eliot Shapleigh to suggest recommendations for the 77th Session of the Texas State Legislature. Three important items are on the table for consideration.

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:

Crossing into Juarez from the Bridge of the Americas (Cordova Bridge) drive south 1/4 mile. Look for an arched pedestrian bridge crossing over the roadway. Turn right at the entrance to Chamizal Park. The Museum of Archeology is located w/in 1/4 from this turn into the park.