

AGENDA

The 24th 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 5, 2002
TIME: 13:00 - 16:30
LOCATION: Santa Teresa Country Club
Santa Teresa, New Mexico

1. Welcome and Introductions Federal Co-Chairs
2. Presentation and approval of current agenda JAC Members
3. Approval of minutes of the September, 2002 JAC meeting JAC Members
4. Announcements
5. Consent Agenda and Written Updates

Old Business

Agreements and Pending Old Business:

A) Gerardo Tarin will develop a resolution or letter by the technical commission and prepare the letter ASAP to obtain the air quality monitoring equipment as soon as possible. The Cd. Juarez Monitoring Systems Resolution will be modified for final approval.

B) Carlos will be working w/ the brickmakers and develop a white paper. We should have a first draft very soon.

C) The TCEQ will present to the JAC for comments the first draft of the SB749 Report: U.S.-Mexico Brickmaking Operations, prepared for the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature.

D) An intern has been appointed by EPA to help develop the technical commission meetings, and develop a report on the JAC Strategic Plan.

E) PROFEPA will provide at the next meeting an update on the Heavy Metals Studies that have taken place in Juarez.

F) Next steps on the Cd. Juarez Air Quality Monitoring Network need to be discussed.

G) Next steps on the One-Basin Resolution need to be developed and discussed.

6. Regular Agenda

A. Air Quality Report (10 minutes)

-Air Quality report for the 3rd quarter 2002 (SLP, El Paso & Juarez)

B. Cd. Juarez Air Quality Monitoring Network (10 minutes)

-Cd. Juarez recently undertook measures to update and repair its ambient air pollution monitors. A discussion on steps involved will be made. Also, a follow-up on the resolution developed by the Cd. Juarez Directorate on the Environment addressing the need to expedite purchase of new ambient air pollution monitors approved for the city's monitoring network will be presented.

Gerardo Tarin
Director, DNAJ

C. Oxygenated Fuels and Low RVP Fuels Programs (10 minutes)

Two separate fuels programs are carried out in El Paso and Juarez to address seasonal air pollution. A report on the El Paso fuels program will be provided.

Jesus Reynoso
EPCCHED

D. Paso del Norte Printers Workshop (10 minutes)

Printers from El Paso and Juarez attended a workshop in October on controlling emissions and

Pamela Aguirre
TCEQ

limiting waste. A short discussion on the workshop, results, and next steps will be provided.

E. Air Monitoring Operations Workshop (10 minutes)

A workshop on ambient monitoring operations in Mexico was conducted in October addressing Quality Assurance / Quality Control methodologies. A brief update on the results of the workshop and next steps will be provided.

Carlos Rincon
Environmental Defense

F. LEADs Monitoring System Installation in Cd. Juarez (15 minutes)

The Cd. Juarez Ecology Department and TCEQ are working together on Integration of Cd. Juarez Air Quality Sites into the Texas Monitoring Network. This system will provide near-real-time reporting of air quality data and meteorological conditions in Juarez on the Internet.

David Stroud
TCEQ / IPS Meteostar

F. Clean Air Investment Fund (10 minutes)

A final report actions needed to develop a CAIF will be provided.

Heather Himmelberger
UNM

G. Emissions inventory development (15 minutes)

TCEQ has developed a workplan with contractor Eastern Research Group to develop a Fine PM area source emissions inventory and updated GIS spatial maps for Cd. Juarez. This work is developed in coordination with the Western Governor's Association initiative to develop emissions inventories in Mexico. A description of the workplan will be provided.

Karla Hardison
TCEQ
Technical Analysis Div.
Emissions Inventory
Section

H. Cd. Juarez Pro-Aire Program (10 minutes)

The Cd. Juarez Pro-Aire Program for the year 1999-2002 identified several projects that could be developed to improve air quality. Actions are underway to develop the upcoming program. A report on proposed activities will be presented.

Gerardo Tarin, DGE

I. Brickmakers Technical Commission Report (20 minutes)

Construction on the low-emissions brickkilns in Cd. Juarez has begun. El Paso Electric will provide an update on their activities to develop an Environmental Brickkiln and administrative requirements associated with obtaining International Emissions Reduction Credits allowable under Senate Bill 1561 (Texas Legislature - 77th Session).

Mark Rodriguez, EPE

J. JAC Website Development (15 minutes)

UTEP has developed a website for the JAC which is both informative and loaded with content. A brief description will be provided on initiatives to further improve the site will be provided.

Bob Gray
IT Manager
UTEP

K. EPA / SEMARNAT Border 2012 Initiative (15 minutes)

EPA and SEMARNAT recently concluded a series of public meetings along the U.S. - Mexico border accepting public comment on the Border 2012 draft document. A summary on the public meetings and some of the comments as well as the possible role of the JAC in the Regional Workgroups envisioned under the Program will be provided.

Daniel Chacon, PROFEPA
Bill Luthans
EPA-Region 6

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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