

**Air Quality Advisory Council
Minutes
September 7, 2004**

Members/Alternates present: Leif Griffin, Lita Furby, Dick Shimer John Garberson and, Mickey Reese, Jan Scher, Jan Hoem, Ann O'Hagan and Dan McCaffery

Members/Alternates absent: Ronald Mueller (excused), Alexandra Gorman (excused), Sue Spanke

Staff present: Sandy Mack, Shannon Therriault

Others present: Tony Tweedale.

1. Council Members present selected Mickey Reese to conduct the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair. Mickey called the meeting to Order.
2. Voting membership included all members present.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. Minutes. The minutes from August 3, 2004 were approved with corrections.
5. New Business. Steve Stoll, who is a meteorologist, presented valuable information and answered questions on the influence of weather in air quality in Missoula County. Steve's email address and phone number are weatherology@montana.com, (406) 370-8773.
6. Committee Reports.

Outdoor Burning Committee. John reported that the committee met last month and decided to prepare three news releases; one for release around Thanksgiving week just before all OB burning closes statewide, a second for the end of winter just before the season reopens, and a third, to be held 'in our pocket' to be released in response to a major smoke event when the audience would be most aware and receptive to the information. Alex volunteered to draft the first press release. Given the OB pamphlet distribution that has already been accomplished by committee members and staff, and given the time of year, the committee will continue to rely on distribution of the OB pamphlet by committee and AQAC members. Such distribution will be conservative to ensure that a good supply of pamphlets is available for the opening of the OB season in March. Sandy will ensure that the Missoula County Fire Protection Association has a supply.

Unpaved Roads Committee. Lita presented the unpaved road dust public information sheet to the Council. Members asked that any edits or comments be sent to Sandy by September 14th and asked Sandy to finalize the document based on those comments.

7. Staff Report.

Oil Burners: Council discussed the waste oil burner report as edited with comments from the last meeting. Through the discussion a few additional edits were made. A motion was made,

seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report and present it at the next Air Board meeting. Council members asked Sandy to check with Ron and Alex to ask if one of them would present the report to the Board.

Redesignation: Shannon briefed the Board on the carbon monoxide redesignation process. The Department has been waiting for a couple documents from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that are necessary to complete a redesignation request. Cyra Cain of DEQ sent the two documents in August. The County reviewed them. Cyra is in the process of revising them based on the Counties comments. (Modeling for Brooks/South/Russell and a Maintenance Demonstration Report). Both reports project that the CO level will remain below federal standards in 2005, 2010 and 2015. Shannon said she hoped to pass on the draft documents from the DEQ to the AQAC on Friday September 17th so that the Council will have time to review them before the October 5th AQAC meeting. Cyra Cain is scheduled to come to the October meeting to speak to the Council about the completed modeling. Shannon said she hopes to take the Draft Redesignation Request to the Air Board on November 18th. {Since the 9/7/04 meeting Cyra informed the Department that she found an error in her modeling. DEQ corrected the error but not in time to get the documents to the Council by 9/17}.

Jan Hoem asked if staff could prepare an easy to understand summary “cover sheet” to accompany the reports. The cover sheet would highlight the most important information and give direction as to how the Council should approach the review. Shannon said the Department could do that.

The Department has also received a draft Emission Inventory for PM10 from James Carlin. In October the Department will use the emission inventory to develop a draft “budget” for PM10 emissions from all sources. The purpose of the budget is to look at growth of our community and allocate fair and reasonable emissions to all sources to assure we never violate the air quality standards for PM10 again. Shannon explained the largest source currently is transportation related. Shannon said the Department plans to bring a discussion of the budget concepts to the AQAC early next year with a target of getting a completed draft to AQAC in July of 2005 for their review and input.

Oxygenated Fuels Brochure: Due to time constraints the topic was tabled until next meeting.

8. Council Membership.

Advertisement for new Council Members: The Board will have three vacancies. We received two applications for Board seats before the August 6th deadline (Leif Griffin and Peter Crago). We received one application requesting to be considered for an “Alternate” (Sue Spanke); and we received one application after the August 6th deadline (Jenny Cochrane, received August 25th). After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed to reopen the advertisement for Air Quality Advisory Council Applications using the normal protocol.

Applications will be reviewed at the October meeting and a decision will be made then when interviews will occur.

9. Public Comment. Tony Tweedale attended the State Air Quality Advisory Committee meeting and said EPA has expressed concerns regarding DEQ's proposal to allow "registration" in lieu of permitting for rock crushers. Tony also reported on a toxicology study that linked particulate matter to permutations in sperm cells. Tony asked Sandy to send him a copy of the Waste Oil Burner Report.
10. Next meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 5, 2004. Five members, enough for a quorum, said they would be able to make that date.

Action Items:

- Sandy – Ask Ron or Alex to present Oil Burner information to Air Board
- Shannon – Send DEQ redesignation reports to AQAC with a summary cover sheet.
- Sandy – Send Waste oil burner report to Tony T.