

Approved Minutes
TOXIC SUBSTANCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(TSCC)

December 11, 2007 - scheduled 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
DSHS Room G-107 - Austin, Texas 78756

1. Call to order and welcome visitors

John Villanacci calls meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Sign-in sheet was distributed among those present

Other attendees present:

Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - Vincent Leopold

Department of Agriculture (TDA) - David Villarreal

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) - Richard Beauchamp, Michelle Bost,

Tom Ellerbee, Nancy Ingram, Susan Prosperie

Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) - David Sager

2. Approval of minutes from the September meeting

No minutes for September meeting as there was not a quorum present at that time.

David Villarreal, TDA, asked that everyone needs to get people to attend the meetings or the Committee could be considered not in compliance with its directive.

3. Presentation/Update on Midlothian by Richard Beauchamp.

Dr. Richard Beauchamp, DSHS, handed out copies of the executive summary of the Health Consultation report, Midlothian Area Air Quality Part 1.

Dr. Beauchamp stated that DSHS had received a petition from a Midlothian resident in 2005 to study air emissions in Midlothian and its potential impact on human health

227 total chemicals were reviewed (VOCs, metals, and inorganics)

Over 92,000 measurements (samples) were reviewed

The Midlothian Air Quality report has been release for public comment. Anyone can submit written comments to DSHS from December 11, 2007 to February 11, 2008.

The full report is on the DSHS website at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/epitox/posted.shtm>

The DSHS Midlothian Petition Site web page:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/epitox/midlothian/midlothian.shtml>

4. Subcommittee reports

a. Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) workgroup meeting update

David Sager reported the HAB met last week (week of December 3rd)

Liz Singhurst is no longer with TPWD

Golden Algae Fact cards are available in PDF format at TCEQ & TPWD websites

TPWD has sent out the 1st announcement for International Golden Algae Symposium Winter 2009 in Dallas/Fort Worth area. Symposium info is also posted on TPWD website

b. Fish Sampling Subcommittee meeting update

David Sager reported the Fish Sampling Subcommittee stated that DSHS does most of the fish sampling for use by the state.

Main contaminants in fish tissues are Mercury, Arsenic, Dioxin, and DDE

Recent sampling indicates DDE in Lake Granger

Recent noteworthy sites

Donna Reservoir (Superfund site)

USFWS is the lead wildlife agency as the site is a federal Superfund site.

c. The Human Health Workgroup update

On December 4th the workgroup met at DSHS. Dr. Michael Hare, TDA, made a presentation on Pesticides in Drinking Water

5. Agency updates

TPWD has a new executive director (Mr. Carter). He begins at the end of January 2008. He was a former lead of the Texas Nature Conservancy

DSHS - In February 2008, DSHS will have a new Assistant Commissioner. He will be the Director of Prevention & Preparedness. He was formerly with the Travis County Health Department

TCEQ - has a new commissioner who is a professor at Texas A & M University.

Dates for future meetings are: March 25, 2008, Room G107
June 24, 2008 TBA
September 23, 2008 TBA
December 16, 2008. TBA

6. Adjourn

closing remarks

John Villanacci noted that adequate time should be given for sending out notification of future meetings.

meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Tom Ellerbee
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