



**Advisory Council Minutes**  
April 24, 2008  
Regional Health District  
Environmental Health Conference Room

Members Present:

Peter Williams      John Livingston  
Chet Jahns          Tom Brattebo  
Ray Kelleher        Jana McDonald  
Mark Roberge        John Hjaltalin

Staff Present:

Matt Holmquist  
Margee Chambers  
April Westby  
Brandy Ellis  
Mary McDermott

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

**1. Approval of the March 27, 2008 Minutes:**

Chet Jahns moved to approve the March 27, 2008 minutes and John Livingston seconded it. Minutes approved.

**2. Business Recognition Program – Margee:**

Margee gave an overview of the program. The current program “Doing Our Share for Clean Air” recognizes businesses every two years that apply for and meet the three criteria which are registering with Spokane Clean Air by the required date, not getting any NOV’s during the past three years and paying their registration fees by the due date. If the businesses meet these criteria, they receive a window decal and are included in a list of qualifying businesses that is posted in the CAP Update newsletter and on the Spokane Clean Air web site.

Spokane Clean Air is taking this program and expanding it to encourage businesses to go beyond compliance to further reduce air emissions. This program would have two levels. Level 1 (silver) would remain the current program that is going on now. Level 2 (gold) would be that the business qualifies for level one and then implements three out of the five pollution prevention practices. Those practices are energy efficiency (lighting, heating/cooling, water heating equipment, combustion efficiency), process changes (source reduction, material substitution), sector specific (dry cleaners, surface coaters, gas stations, boilers/kilns, printers, back up generators), transportation (commute trip reduction, no idle policies, cleaner fleet vehicles), or participated in one of the agency P2 (pollution prevention) consultations. Margee asked for input from the Council on whether the program is good or bad and what can be done to recognize the businesses that are going to the second level. Level 1 would be recognized with the business decals and have their name in the newsletter and on the web site. Level 2 recognition could include a business spotlight article listing qualified businesses and their pollution prevention efforts in the Update newsletter, feature article listing qualifying businesses posted on the website, and receive a certificate and get recognition at our Board of Directors meeting. Peter

stated that publicity would be good and maybe there could be an article in the Spokesman Review listing the gold level businesses and what they accomplished. April added that if the businesses are interested and don't have any ideas, they can go on Spokane Clean Air's web site and there is a detailed list of pollution prevention ideas they could do. The Council agreed on Peter's comment for the Spokesman and possibly television. The P2 portion of the program is where Margee goes to the facility and helps them to meet and exceed their NOC permit regulations, without issuing them an NOV. There was more discussion between the Council and Staff.

**3. Summary of SFBD Retailer Inspections – Brandy:**

Brandy gave an overview of the retailer sfbd inspections. This last winter Brandy went out and did retail inspections of places that offered sfbds for sale. There were 23 stores inspected. Wood stoves have to be EPA certified, if they are catalytic they can only emit 2.5 grams per hour or less and 4.5 grams per hour or less for non-catalytic woodstoves. During the inspection, 98% of the stoves were in compliance and there were only three that had problems in the grams per hour rating which were over the 4.5 grams per hour. Factory-built and masonry fireplaces must emit 7.3 grams per kilogram or less (verified by OMNI Test Laboratory). OMNI has a web site where they post the fireplaces that have been certified through their lab. Some of retail stores have not been checking that list. The inspections of fireplaces were 84% compliant. We did inspect pellet stoves while we were out but did not do any enforcement on them this year because it is unclear the direction that Ecology is going to go with them. There was also an outdoor wood-fired boiler that was offered on sale on-line and Spokane Clean Air sent a letter to them. Wood fired boilers are legal in Washington but they have to meet the grams per hour rating and there is currently no way to test to prove that they meet the grams per hour rating, so technically they can't be sold in Washington. There is an on-going NOV case with Turbo Burn that has an outdoor wood fired boiler offered for sale. Matt stated that an existing masonry custom device is exempt from the grams per hour rating but if it is a factory built masonry device it does have to meet the emission limits. Most of the regulations that Spokane Clean Air deals with regarding solid fuel burning devices pertain to the sale of them from the retailers. There were no NOV's issued this year but warnings were issued. Spokane Clean Air is waiting for Ecology to take the lead in regulating pellet stoves to meet the Washington State standards. Within one to two years this will probably be in effect.

**4. Update of Wood Smoke Advisory Committee and Building Purchase – Bill:** Bill was out of the office so this item was passed over.

**5. Other Items of Interest:** Ray would like to have the board agenda e-mailed to him.

Ray Kelleher moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Chet Jahns seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

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WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR