



**Advisory Council Minutes**  
January 22, 2009  
Regional Health District  
Environmental Health Conference Room

Members Present:

Ray Kelleher  
Tom Brattebo  
Mark Roberge  
Chester Johns, Jr.

Staff Present:

Bill Damesworth  
Ron Edger  
Matt Holmquist  
Margee Chambers  
Brandy Ellis  
Debbie Riley

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

**1. Approval of the October 23, 2008 Minutes:**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the October 23, 2009 Advisory Council minutes were not voted on for approval.

**2. Business Recognition Program - Margee**

Margee gave a brief summary of Spokane Clean Air Agency's Business Recognition Program. In 2003 an annual award program was developed by our compliance and technical staff. They nominate businesses that are achieving air emission reductions. The Award is presented at the annual Spokane County CTR Way To Go Awards Ceremony which has been very successful. Past winners include: FAFB, Avista, Huntwood, TransCanada and Inland Empire Paper.

Lisa Woodard of Spokane Clean Air developed the second business recognition program in 1999. The program encourages businesses to meet the minimum requirements of operating an air pollution source in our community. The program runs on a two year cycle and our natural minor sources may participate in it. They have to meet the minimum requirements, they cannot have an NOV for the past three years, turn in ARFs in on time and pay their registration fee on time.

The Recognition Program has been expanded to include silver and gold levels. Silver has the same minimum requirements the program has always had. The gold level must meet the silver level plus implement clean air practices in three out of five pollution prevention categories:

energy efficiency, process change/source transportation, or participate in Spokane Clean Air's free P2 consultation program.

**3. No Burn Area Expansion – Brandy**

Brandy reviewed the expansion of the No Burn Area for Residential Yard & Garden Debris Burning. State regulations allow residential yard and garden debris burning under specific criteria. State law requires that every three years, Spokane Clean Air evaluate areas where alternatives to burning are available, and ban burning in those areas. There was some discussion between staff and the advisory council members about the expansion.

**4. Notice of Violations Posted to Website – Matt**

Matt gave an overview of posting penalty information on the Agency's website. In July 2008, the Spokane Alliance contacted Spokane Clean Air about asbestos-related concerns. Matt and Bill met with a representative from the Spokane Alliance to discuss their concerns. The discussion focused on how Notice of Violation (NOV) information pertaining to asbestos removal contractors, especially those cases involving contractors with multiple NOV's, could be made more readily available to the public. It was eventually decided to include all NOV's in the database, not just those for asbestos contractors. A brief staff presentation was given at the December 4, 2008 Board meeting and was followed by a public hearing. Most people were in favor of posting the information on the website. It has been approved to move forward. March 15<sup>th</sup> is the date it should be up and running. The goal is to have five years of all penalty information posted on the website. Matt said that we are the first local Clean Air Agency to post violation information on the website and make it available to the public. Ray asked if the information would be in the data base over 5 years. Tom asked if the data base will only contain asbestos information. Matt replied all the notice of violations will be entered and keep in the database as long as state laws allow. The public can also come into the office and request to see the file.

**5. Building Remodel Status – Bill**

Bill gave an update on the progress of the remodel. We are a week behind schedule. We should be moving into the new office the weekend of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Our next Advisory Council Meeting will be at the new location.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

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WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR