

**Advisory Council Minutes**  
March 26, 2009  
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency  
3104 E. Augusta Ave

Members Present

Bud Leber  
John Livingston  
Ray Kelleher  
Tom Brattebo  
Adrienne Borgis

Staff Present

Bill Dameworth  
Ron Edger  
Brandy Ellis  
Debbie Riley

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

**1. Introduce the New Member Adrienne Borgis**

Bill Dameworth introduced Adrienne Borgis to the Advisory Council Members and Staff

**2. Approval of the February 26, 2009 Minutes:**

Tom Brattbo moved to approve the February 26, 2009 minutes and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Minutes approved.

**3. Rail Yard Risk Assessment Draft Report - Ron**

Ron Edgar presented an overview of the “Health Risk Study for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) Spokane rail yard”. The study is not ready for distribution but the general outline and procedures used to assess the risk posed by the diesel particulate emissions from the rail yard were presented. Basically the BNSF rail yard in Spokane is very similar to the Union Pacific rail yard in Stockton, California. With some minor adjustments for the few differences Spokane Regional Clean Air has been able to use the work done by the California Air Resources Board regarding Stockton to assess the Spokane BNSF rail yard impacts.

There are some areas adjacent to the rail yard that are of concern for population exposure to diesel particulate matter. Spokane Regional Clean Air is contacting the State and Regional health departments to get their input and thoughts. A draft will then be sent to the railroad for their comments. After these reviews a final draft of the document will be presented to the Advisory Council prior to its presentation to the Board and eventual release to the public.

**4. Update on Relocation of Air Monitor - Ron**

Ron Edgar gave a brief overview about the relocation of the Air Monitors. It's taking longer than expected. There is a lot of equipment.

**5. Update on No-Burn Area Expansion - Brandy**

Brandy Ellis gave an update on the review of the "No Burn Area" for residential yard and garden debris burning. Spokane Regional Clean Air is in the process of evaluating the No Burn Area, because state regulations require that it be evaluated every three years. Although Spokane Regional Clean Air will not be administering a residential yard and garden debris burning program after the 8-day spring burn season ends on April 13, 2009. Fire Districts 2, 5, 11 and 12 will continue to administer yard waste burning programs through agreements with Spokane Regional Clean Air. Fire Districts 4, 9, 13, 8, 3 and 10 have elected not to administer yard and garden debris burning programs at this time, but they can request to administer burning programs in the future. Brandy showed some maps with possible options to consider for expanding the yard waste "No Burn Area" and asked the Advisory Council for their input. There was some discussion between the Advisory Council and Staff.

Ray Kelleher moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Bud Leber seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR