

MINUTES OF THE TMACOG
*** AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE ***

The meeting was held on April 16, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the TMACOG Boardroom, 300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Toledo OH 43604.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** — Tim Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** — The agenda was approved on a motion by Karen Granata, seconded by Bill Herr.
- 3. Approval of March 19th, 2008 Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Karen Granata, seconded by Gary Samples.
- 4. Process for calling days during the ozone season** – Karen Granata stated that with the change in the ozone standard, we need to change how we alert the public to high ozone levels. Karen noted that other regions are moving to a multi-tiered approach and identifying periods when ozone poses a risk to sensitive populations. Toledo is considering a switch to this type of approach. Bill Kelly was asked if TARTA will be able to provide free bus rides during the summer. With the high fuel prices, TARTA is not considering free rides but they may be open to providing bus vouchers as promotional items.

Tim Brown said that we need to change the marketing materials to reflect what the public can do throughout the year to lower pollution emissions. Such things as fueling in the morning, car care, carpooling and trip chaining, etc. could be promoted. Karen commented that we are still unable to predict particulate matter. The cost of the particulate model has dropped in price but still costs about \$37,000 per year.

- 5. 2008 Ozone Action Day Program** – Instead of Ozone Action Day, the committee agreed that we should move to promoting the Ozone Action Season and incorporate Ozone Action Alerts. The Ozone Action Season was defined as May 1st through September 30th. Ozone Alerts could be sent out a couple times a week identifying days when the ozone levels are predicted to be elevated. The public would then be aware that they should take precautions if they are at risk. These alerts could be promoted by the local media (most likely through area weather personalities) to help disseminate the information. To help do this, it was suggested that we could invite a speaker from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to come in and educate the media and the public.
- 6. Other Business** — No other business was discussed.
- 7. Adjourn** – The committee agreed that there is still more to discuss in shifting to the Ozone Season so there will be a meeting held on May 21st. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.