

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

The meeting was held on December 19, 2007 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. Introductions were made around the room.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** — The agenda was approved on a motion by Neil Thurber, seconded by Karen Granata.
- 3. Approval of September 19th Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Karen Granata, seconded by Neil Thurber.
- 4. PM2.5 Designation Recommendation** – David Gedeon reported that Ohio submitted a recommendation to US EPA Region V identifying counties they determined should be nonattainment with the revised PM2.5 standard. Lucas and Wood Counties were not identified in their submittal indicating that we should remain as an attainment area. It is anticipated that US EPA will follow Ohio EPA's recommendation.
- 5. Preliminary 2007 Monitoring Results** – Karen Granata reported that 2007 have been pretty good. Each of the five monitors in the region are below the standard of .085 ppm. However the numbers at three monitors are slightly higher than the number from 2004 which they will be replacing in the three year average. Overall, our three year averages are still below the standard. It is hoped that 2008 will be a cooler summer and we can keep the averages low. Ken Fallows reported that EPA is still taking comments on a revised standard and to send comments to TMACOG if anyone would like to submit them.
- 6. Review of Ozone Action Day Contact Lists** – Stephanie Rizor distributed the 2007 Ozone contact lists and asked that committee members review it and give her updates. The sooner the lists can be review and updated, the more prepared we will be for the upcoming Ozone season. Stephanie will send an email out to the updated list in the spring to remind everyone of the upcoming Ozone season and to check the list for bad addresses. She did this last year and it helped clean up the list.
- 7. Transportation Department Update** – David Gedeon reported that TMACOG is working on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) report. The CMP analyzes traffic data and identifies congestion hot spots on highways and arterials in the TMACOG planning area and identifies mitigation strategies to reduce congestion. It is of interest to the Air Quality Committee since a reduction in congestion corresponds to a reduction in emission levels. Diane Reamer-Evans gave a presentation on the Transit Forum that TMACOG is facilitating. The last forum was held on December 10th. A list of action items was developed that TMACOG, TARTA and others will work on. The next forum will be held in the spring.
- 8. Other Business** — Neil Thurber stated that BP will be installing new equipment to further reduce pollutants. BP is entering a venture to begin receiving tar sands. The tar sands reserve they intend to refine has a 40 year supply.
- 9. Adjourn** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.