

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

The meeting was held on September 24, 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 was unable to attend and David Gedeon welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** — The agenda was approved on a motion by Karen Granata, seconded by Don Scherer.
- 3. Approval of July 16, 2008 Minutes** — The minutes were approved on a motion by Bill Kelly, seconded by Mark Budge.
- 4. 2008 Monitoring Results** – Karen Granata stated that the monitoring results for the ozone season have been very good. To this point, particulate matter is too close to call and we will likely be hovering very close to the standard. Karen does not have quality controlled PM numbers yet.
- 5. Gas Cap Replacement Program Wrap-Up** – Karen Granata noted that the Gas Cap program has concluded for the year. The City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services intern, Ryan Towns, completed the final report before he went back to school. Overall, Ryan tested 761 gas caps at 28 locations. A total of 80 gas caps were replaced which will prevent approximately 15,920 lbs. of evaporative emissions from entering the air. The final report will be posted on the TMACOG Air Quality webpage.
- 6. Air Quality Impacts of Methane and Ammonia** – Don Scherer gave a presentation on the research he has been doing on methane and ammonia and the potential of turning the waste products into energy. Don stated that the primary sources of methane and ammonia are animal and human waste, ethanol processing, food preparation, and yard waste. These waste products can be turned into energy and/or used as fertilizers. Don discussed ways that this can be accomplished in NW Ohio. The committee will further discuss this topic at a future meeting. The presentation will be posted on the website.
- 7. 2008 Ozone Action Season Marketing Program Wrap-Up** – Greg Gettum described the marketing efforts for the 2008 Ozone Action Season. Earlier in the season, press kits were assembled and distributed to the print and television outlets in the region to disseminate information on the program changes. Efforts throughout the season included billboards, press releases, updates on weather reports, the Frogtown event, and articles in the TMACOG Big Picture. The TMACOG website was updated throughout the season with the forecasted alert status.
- 8. Green Fleets Initiative and Toledo Meeting** – Dave discussed the upcoming follow up meeting to the initial Green Fleets session. The first meeting was very successful and drew an audience of over 30 attendees. The next meeting will focus on funding opportunities and types of technologies that fleets can benefit from. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28th.
- 9. Other Business** – Don Scherer noted that a Solar Tour will be held on October 3rd in Columbus and three events will be held locally. More information can be found at www.greenenergyohio.org
- 10. Adjourn** – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.