



AIR PROGRAM ADVISORY FORUM
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Meeting Notes

Presentations – Available on Web

2010 Emissions Update

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Note: More information on the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/eiinformation.html>

Current inventory data can be accessed by the upper left page links, and point source total emissions data nationwide is available under 2008 NEI Data, data download for point data.

Cross State Air Pollution Rule and Impacts on Missouri

Mark Leath

Brief Updates

National Ambient Air Quality Standards

- Ozone - On September 2, 2011, President Obama announced he is withdrawing EPA's reconsideration of the 2008 ozone standard. It is unclear what this means. On a recent conference call with the Environmental Council of States or ECOS, Gina McCarthy stated that the 2008 standard of 75 parts per billion or ppb is the rule of law and EPA is currently considering options for moving forward. She indicated that if EPA proceeds with designations for the 75 ppb standard, the most current monitoring data would be taken into account. For Missouri, this would mean a revision of the original recommendation submitted to EPA in 2009. Based on 2009-2011 data, only the Kansas City and St. Louis areas would be recommended nonattainment and Ste. Genevieve and Perry Counties would be removed from the nonattainment recommendation. We're waiting for clarification from EPA on next steps and will keep the Air Program Advisory Forum informed as we learn more.
- Sulfur Dioxide or SO₂ - In early June, we held a kick-off conference call with the workgroup that is providing input on modeling and implementation issues associated with the new 1-hour SO₂ standard. On that call, the workgroup decided to send a survey to affected sources to help review and verify modeling inputs. However, EPA has not yet released modeling and implementation guidance associated with this standard. The workgroup effort, including the survey, is on hold until EPA guidance is available.

EPA's proposed Stage II vapor recovery waiver/widespread use rule

EPA recently proposed criteria for determining whether onboard refueling vapor recovery systems required in new vehicles are in widespread use (76 FR 41731, July 15, 2011). This could make it easier for states to remove their Stage II vapor recovery programs. Comments are being accepted on the proposal through September 13. In light of the widespread use proposal and uncertainty surrounding the ozone standard, the Air Program has decided to put the vapor recovery rulemaking on hold. This rulemaking was intended to address inconsistencies between Stage I requirements in Kansas City and St. Louis and clarify aspects of the St. Louis Stage II program. When impacts of the federal actions become more clear, we will re-evaluate the situation, which could result in reconvening the workgroup and moving forward with a rulemaking.

Boiler and Utility Maximum Achievable Control Technology or MACT

- Boiler MACT - EPA plans to repropose the boiler MACT in October 2011 and finalize in April 2012. Because the major source rule has been stayed, the major source notifications are on hold. Area source notifications are still due September 17, 2011.
- Utility MACT - No news on the utility MACT. As far as we know, EPA is still on track to finalize in November 2011.

Local Air Agency Status

In June, funding for the four local air agencies in Kansas City, Springfield, St. Louis City, and St. Louis County was removed from the state budget, effective October 1, 2011. Each local agency still holds a certificate of authority issued by the Missouri Air Conservation Commission or MACC allowing them to conduct air quality activities if they have other funding sources. We understand that all four of the local agencies intend to keep at least some staff to maintain a core set of duties. At this time, we know that the state will handle all ambient monitoring and emission inventory questionnaires. We're still working with the local agencies on what air activities they will retain. Once we sort through these issues, we'll notify affected sources to clarify what each agency is doing. In the meantime, if anyone has questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Air Program.

Air Program Updates

- The Air Program is working on filling several vacancies, including two engineering positions in the Permit Section, one engineering position in the Planning Section, two environmental specialist positions in the Enforcement Section, and the Permit Section Chief position.
- The Missouri Air Conservation Commission currently has five commissioners and two vacancies. The two vacancies are a concern because a quorum is needed for voting and conducting public hearings. Appointment of new commissioners is not likely to happen until the special legislative session is over, possibly in October.

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