



Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee (SBCAC)

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Meeting was held at: 1730 East Elm Street in the Roaring River Conference Room

Members present: Gale Holsman, Robin Cole, Pam Cain

DNR present: Lucy Thompson, Carlton Flowers, Stephen Hall, Calvin Ku, Darrick Steen, Sara Parker Pauley, Kyra Moore, David Gilmore, Tiffany Drake and Mary Powell

Others present: Kristin Tipton, EIERA

I. Call to order

Robin Cole, Chairman at 10:04 a.m.

II. Quorum was not available, so the September minutes are to be approved via email.

III. Introductions

Robin Cole, Chairman

IV. Committee's History

Lucy Thompson

Instead of a presentation, a write-up of the Committee's history was provided at the meeting.

V. Department's Vision

Sara Parker Pauley, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director

Sara Parker Pauley stated that Compliance Assistance is one of the "Big 8 priorities" for her. She considers the *Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee (SBCAC)* a part of this. Director Pauley asked if the Committee would like to broaden its scope to include all of the environmental programs within DNR, not just the Air Pollution Control Program. The Committee responded that they believed they could help small businesses and the Department better if they worked with all of the programs not just the Air Pollution Control Program. They will gladly expand their scope.

Director Pauley asked “What do you need to feel empowered”. The Committee responded too few businesses to come to the committee. They want to be an interface with the public. The Committee has started bringing in associations to encourage a positive interaction. To let them know the Committee is here to help. The Committee discussed the need for entertaining Public Service Announcements (PSA). The Committee is responsible for the Asbestos PSA and mail out. It was okay, but needs to be more entertaining. (Ms. Cain noted that the Asbestos PSA is being looked at to see what can be done to improve it). The Committee states more entertaining PSAs need to be developed. The Department needs a little PR to let the public know all of the positive things they do. Derek Steen suggested the Committee reach out to groups like State Representatives, County Commissioners, and Planning Commissions to let them know the Committee is here to help.

The Department is progressing toward a multimedia approach on a watershed level. Director Pauley has directed Steve Feeler, DNR Deputy Division Director, to head up several workgroups on such things as compliance assistance, enforcement, sharing expertise internally and externally, communication, etc. These workgroups will be giving their final recommendation to Director Pauley in March. She would like the workgroups to present the information to the Committee. She wants the Committee to comment on their findings.

Director Pauley stated that Darrick Steen is the new Small Business Ombudsman, pending approval by the Governor. Mr. Steen is working several multi-media areas for the Director’s Office and the Ombudsman position is a natural fit with his other activities. He hopes to develop internal and external partnerships with integration between programs. The Directors office wants to restart forums in the Hazardous Waste Program, Water Pollution, and Solid Waste.

VI. Guest Speaker

Kristin Tipton, Development Director,

Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA)

The Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA) is a quasi-governmental agency that serves as the financing arm for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Established by the Missouri General Assembly in 1972, the EIERA is governed by Board Members that are appointed by the Governor.

The EIERA's primary mandate is to provide financial assistance for energy and environmental projects and protect the environment. They are not a regulatory agency. EIERA works with several groups in DNR to provide Grants and Loans as needed. They can also provide a loan directly to a company.

The EIERA is a 6 member team that operates on a request-only basis promoting development and targeting the end use of materials that might have otherwise been considered waste. They provide financial assistance (up to \$50,000 in loans) to companies that want to take recyclable material and make it a product. When they give out loans or grants they require the company obtain required permits.

VII. Ozone

Tiffany Drake

Ms. Drake gave a report that the Environmental Protection Agency is now acting on the 2008 standard for ozone. EPA will take action on state recommendations for nonattainment area boundaries using the most recent quality assured data from the 2008-2010 monitoring period. Previous recommendations on the 2008 standard used an earlier monitoring period and had additional areas that would be considered nonattainment. The following are the “new” revised recommendations from the State of Missouri on attainment and nonattainment.

Nonattainment: St. Louis City, St. Charles, St. Louis, Franklin and Jefferson counties.

Attainment: Lincoln, Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Greene, Cass, Clay and Clinton counties.

Attainment/unclassifiable: All other counties in the state of Missouri

VIII. Update of Legislation, Regulations, and Activities and Effect on Small Businesses/Annual Report

Lucy Thompson

1. EPA has stated they will not be revising PM₁₀ standards, only PM_{2.5}. This should not affect farmers, etc.
2. 10 CSR 10-5.040 Use of Fuel in Hand-Fired Equipment Prohibited – it is being modified to allow the burning of clean wood and biomass (such as sawdust at a saw mill)

3. 10 CSR 10-5.455 Control of Emissions from Industrial Solvent Cleaning – is being modified to allow work practices as a compliance measure as well as the existing compliance measures.
4. 10 CSR 10-6.020 Definitions and Common Reference Tables- PM definitions are being revised. Should not affect small businesses.
5. Some landfill regulations are being modified to bring them in line with federal regulations.
6. 2013 Cross-State Air Pollution Rule – The federal rule has been in the news lately and the Committee has probably heard of it. Each state has a set number NO_x and SO₂ allowances. The Department is modifying the recommended federal allowances to allow small units to have an allowance. The federal allowance division used strictly rounding which caused many small units to have an allowance of 0, the state will provide 1 allowance to these units.

IX. Outreach and On-sites

Carlton Flowers

A brief presentation was given summarizing some of the recent outreach efforts for small businesses in need of help completing construction permits, and compliance requirements.

A sawmill located in Jonesburg that is currently under construction was given assistance in completing a permit application in order to comply with an Enforcement request.

Two municipalities in the Springfield area were given help in permitting a burn barrel device used for the destruction of illegal substances. Two other facilities that received compliance assistance by the creation of custom tracking spreadsheets were showcased.

The common challenges small businesses face in keeping complex VOC and HAP tracking up to date and accurate were also discussed. The committee was pleased to see this type of technical help being given to those that do not have the background or understanding for completing such work.

The Committee also recommended we market our spreadsheets to help more companies. Perhaps contact Legislators to make them aware that the spreadsheet is available.

X. Small Businesses

Open discussion with the small businesses and associates present

XI. Adjourn

Pam Crain made the motion that the meeting be adjourned and Gale Holsman seconded the motion at 1:40 p.m.