



EPA Region 6
Pollution Prevention Teleconference
July 29, 2005
2 – 4 p.m. CT

Participants:

1. Javier Ballí – EPA Region 6 P2 Program Coordinator, Moderator
2. Chris Campbell, WERC
3. Audree Miller - ADEQ
4. Rhonda Smith, EPA Region 6
5. Ken Zarker, TCEQ P2 Program
6. Grace Hsieh – TCEQ P2
7. Pierre Lichaa – TCEQ Border P2
8. Susan Roothaan – A Nurtured World
9. Thomas Vinson-Peng – Southwest Network for Zero Waste, minute taker

Events

See: <http://www.zerowastenetwork.org/Events/index.cfm>

- Next Teleconference: August 25, 2005, 2:00 CST (Thomas)
- H2E introductory Seminar, Little Rock, Arkansas September 12, 2005 (Audree)
- P2 Week, September 19-25 (All)
- P2 Workshop Houston October 17, 2005 (Grace)
- P2 Workshop Austin November 17, 2005 (Grace)
- National Environmental Summit, New Orleans May 23-27, 2006 (Ken)
- Brominated Flame Retardant Seminar, July (Ken)

National Environmental Partnership Summit (NEP, a.k.a. NPPR Summit)

Ken announced that the Summit planners had decided to have the next conference in Louisiana. It is tentatively scheduled the last week of May (22-25) at the Sheraton on Canal street. Contractual details are being finalized.

This summit is a collaboration of OEPPA, the National Performance Track (P Track), the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR), and the Office of Compliance and Enforcement.

Ken, asked the regional roundtable to support a local hosting committee and help identify partners in Louisiana who could take the lead on making arrangements. Contact Ken if you are interested in volunteering on the local hosting committee or national planning committee. Responsibilities range from arranging site visits to helping identify music.

Ken stated that this was our opportunity to highlight this region, our successes and programs. There was discussion about another regional presentation like the one Chris Campbell headed in Chicago last year.

There was a lot of discussion about identifying partners in the region. Ken mentioned Dr. Killabrough, who managed the regional P2 coordinator. The roundtable also discussed calling upon the regional Strategic Petroleum Reserve, that just recently entered the Texas EMS program and is a P Track member. Javier mentioned that two of the Source Reduction grants had been awarded in Louisiana. Thomas said he would post to the regional list server and find out about the pretreatment programs held in the area.

Ken will work to coordinate a teleconference. Susan offered to support a local Louisiana and facilitate between local and national.

Ken mentioned the next summit is tentatively planned for Washington D.C.

Regional Roundtable Logistics/EMS Auditing Training

The logistics for the Region 6 roundtable will be handled under a source reduction grant by Nurtured World (Susan). Travel scholarships will be available to help with airfare. Thomas and Javier will continue to arrange the monthly teleconferences.

Susan said that she surveyed the group about when and where to meet. There was broad consensus that we should meet twice a year. Once in Dallas, and once in another state in the region. Louisiana is next in the rotation, so the participants agreed to hold the roundtable on the Monday before the National Environmental Summit.

Susan said that there would be an EMS auditing training in Houston October 25-27th, and suggested combining the meeting with the EMS auditing. Everyone on the call thought that was a good idea, but wanted to limit the meeting to ½ day because audits were very demanding.

Susan will be sending e-mails to people who will be in the auditing training. These will be very small groups who will get hands-on audit training at a real facility. A couple of extra spaces may be available, but priority will be given to core state P2 program coordinators.

P2 and Source Reduction Grants

The following projects were awarded funding. Final paperwork is being processed. Javier promised to make processing the awards his top priority.

Javier also took the time to emphasize that congress has told EPA that extensions are now strongly discouraged. Extensions in the future will be extremely difficult to get. He encouraged anyone with a new project to give themselves plenty of time to complete the project.

Susan asked how this would affect budget amendments. Javier said these were still acceptable as long as they are within the project and within the original timeframe.

P2 Program Updates

New Mexico, WERC

Chris Campbell gave an update for New Mexico's WERC program.

ADEQ

They expect to have the Arkansas Material Exchange project complete in September and begin promotion in October.

Audree is continuing to work on the agency EMS. She is also working with her office of public outreach to establish a state environmental award. She is working with other parts of the ADEQ to establish incentives for Performance Track participants.

TCEQ

Ken put out a call for help on a brominated flame retardant workshop targeting manufacturers who use these raw materials. They plan to bring industry and academia together to discuss product substitution. The workshop will be in July, contact him if you are interested.

Pierre is working on the Border 2012 task force town hall, August 18, 2005 in Juarez.

They met with the PROFEPA delegate in Chihuahua. They also got a request from a Mexican supplier who wanted to do Texas EMS. They are continuing their partnership with Fronteraambiental.org, the consortium recently answered a question about use of non invasive ultra sonics.

TCEQ was currently auditing municipal waster systems. They reported on an interesting presentation from a German researchers who were advocating microwave technology to reduce medical waste, and treat wastewater.

Ken mentioned that P2 Week Posters are for sale <http://www.p2.org/p2week/index.cfm>

TCEQ is working with the trucking industry; they recruited CISCO and JC Penneys to require their companies to join SMARTWAY program that has reductions in trucking environmental impacts.

Nurtured World

Susan just had a ½ day training on changing your organization in Oklahoma throught the Oklahoma Sustainability Council.

Zero Waste

Thomas is finishing the revisions to the case study database, and has just prepared his upcoming work plan. Next year he expects to be deeply involved in preparing a tool that will leverage the P2 Planner database to prepare fact sheets for use by P2 programs and POTW's.