



Region 6 P2 Roundtable

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Participants

Javier Ballí – EPA (moderator)
Annette Smith - EPA
Eli Martinez – EPA
Israel Anderson - EPA
Brian Christian - TCEQ
Grace Hsieh -TCEQ
Whitney White – TCEQ/Zero Waste
Pierre Lichaa- TCEQ
Chuck Handrich -LaDEQ
Audree Miller - ADEQ
Chris Campbell - WERC
Aaron Lind – Green Project
Susan Roothaan – Nurtured World

Grace announced that on April 5th she will be taking a position with a commercial building to expand her skills in Green Building. Several members offered thanks to Grace for her service and commitment to the environment.

A new member joined, Aaron Lind of Green Project .

Site Assistance Visit (SAV) - Spring Roundtable

Note: To protect anonymity of the companies participating in the SAV's details were changed or removed from the minutes.

Grace and Pam Aguirre have two sites confirmed and one that is probable. We have ten people wanting to do two days of sites. Also have a team from Mexico wanting to do visits, but we will need to have more sites.

Grace is following up with Boeing, and Pam is following up with a larger operation. Grace identified some companies based on facilities that were out of compliance with WRPA. Archie Clouse worked with them to identify poor performers. Chris said he was working to identify medium and poor performers in the Texas/New Mexico border, but they didn't want a visit. Chris also is investigating Maquiladoras for information. They wanted to come over and do training, or have the team come over there to spend the day with them.

There are issues around permits and such. Although you can cross the border (both ways) with a driver's license, you need a work permit to go to Maquiladoras. Can get a one day work permit and do a SAV. Susan suggested working with Thomas to take the lead on that. Need to find out what kind of ID is required for this permit. Pierre will make a call to the Maquiladora to see if they are willing and what they want to do.

Originally there was a plan to audit a military operation, but because we had so many leads Susan had not contacted them. She decided to contact them as a fall back.

Javier mentioned that getting across the border would be time consuming so if we go to Mexico could only hit one site. For big sites could have multiple teams, and only have to go to one site.

Everyone on the call agreed to Tuesday Wednesday and half of Thursday. Final agenda will be posted on Zero Waste early next week.

Spring Roundtable

Javier outlined the agenda as it stands so far:

- Summary of field work – 2 ½ - 3 hours
- Carlos Rincon – El Paso EPA 30 min
- State Updates – 2 hrs.
- Strategic Planning/Visioning – 2hrs.

We will meet in the Camino Real. Susan will need confirmation of the hotel rooms and will be sending an e-mail.

Fall Roundtable

Javier will invite Anne Goode to roundtable in August. The agenda will be worked on after the Spring Roundtable. We are still working with the pretreatment coordinators conference and things are on track.

New Mexico

WERC and NMED is putting on a spray paint workshop in Gallup, NM. They will work with Nurtured World to have a Consumer P2 workshop end of May. Chris sent out a script for the Atlanta workshop. We have consensus on the approach. Mary Talkuder of TCEQ will be reporting on the changes in Texas and how the programs are changing.

Environmental Summit in Atlanta

Susan wanted help promoting the Nurtured World workshop. Thomas needed feedback on Lean Manufacturing and the role of P2 in promoting Lean Manufacturing.

EPA

Javier has received a draft program manager document. He will be sending out requests for comments from states. He encourages us to comment on-line.

Brian got an advanced copy through ECOS. Texas didn't expect to comment. Brian said that it referenced P2 and NEPP. Since TCEQ had the MOA with EPA on NEPT, they had no need to add discussion. Some of the P2 program discussions were marginally related to the issues.

Javier also wanted to share that EPA region 6 office managers partnered with the building management company to have their first drive in and drop-off e-waste project. They filled several bins with computer monitors, TV's, keyboards.

They will be working on an H2E project in the DFW metroplex. It will be in their city so they can save money. Brian volunteered Kelly Coleman to answer questions even though they had discontinued the programs. Eli added that Kelly had been very helpful. Javier will share strategy with roundtable.

Michelll Hamas said RFP will be out early next week (week of March 27th). They will have shorter timeframe; only 35 days.

Arkansas

Audree is working on ADEQ's internal EMS. She has been pushing management and internal core team. Members of their team have other duties, so it requires constant attention.

Grace asked about aspects and impacts. Audree said they settled on significant aspects.

- fleet,
- fuel use
- natural gas,
- electricity, and
- paper.

Paper is easy to reduce. Duplex copying is required. They are putting documents in electronic form. Working on recycling RFP to increase recycling. They had the lab, but its' size made it a lower significance. It's power usage was the biggest impact.

New "green building" will solve many energy problems.

Texas

Brian has initiated an agency wide effort to look at discarded/unused electronic material. They don't call it "e-waste". This effort is headed by Mike Lindner and people from toxicology, hazardous waste etc... They want to determine the impact of e-waste; internally are differences of opinion on impact. They want to determine how significant the problem is.

Clean Texas had their first Environmental Partnership meeting since the new Clean Texas program. They had to take a step back and take a look at the best and most efficient use of their limited state dollars. When you weigh a SAV program against an EMS audit, a more robust SAV program won out. There were concerns about dilution of the Clean Texas program. There are still some philosophical differences

They are looking at the NEPT program. TCEQ will be taking suggestions from EPP program. Want to have changes finalized and applications by June 1st. That said, they want people to come in under the old rules.

There was a good story in Waco Newspaper about initiative they are leading in Waco to help the city operate their wastewater treatment plant. (see zerowatenetwork.org/news for link)

Pierre reported that they had 51 attendees at their most recent workshop. Their second sector specific EMS is scheduled for March 28 at UT Pan Am Brownsville.

Green Project

We were joined by Aaron Lind of Green Project <http://www.thegreenproject.org/>. Aaron will not be able to make it to El Paso. We have the funds to offer airfare for travel to Louisiana.

They received a grant from EPA Region 6 to a construction waste salvage project. Now they have an e-waste project. They are in the 9th ward, of New Orleans and are without phone or power.

Much of the recycling in New Orleans was wiped out. The biggest company want be available until mid-summer. They are working on Aluminum recycling. They have a cooperative agreement to take in cell phones and other personal electronics. Everything is up and running. The Technology Exchange, a computer dismantle/repair program is expected to be up and running in a month.

Chuck Handrich asked who the LaDEQ contact is. Aaron said John Rogers. Chuck works in RCRA area. April 22 Baton Rouge will have it's household hazardous waste day. They are setting up a computer pick-up. Chuck said that Jeff Meyers would be a contact for the Katrina/Rita recovery, including

LaDEQ

Chuck said there were several cutbacks through non-mandatory state programs. They may have lay-offs by July 1st.

Thomas asked about the termite rumor. LaDEQ is taking measures to reduce mulch going from debris in the area. Chuck said that any receiving port from Texas to La Porte could be a source for Formosan Termites.

Another issue was the fire ants moved to higher ground, causing a massive infestation in some areas.

Nurtured World

Susan discussed her projects earlier such as gearing up for SAV's and the Atlanta Conference. They redid their results survey which increased total documented savings to over \$75,000.

Zero Waste

Case studies will be promoted in GreenBiz.com with 15,000 subscribers. The e-mail will go out on Monday. They had a great write up on the case study database at:

http://www.greenbiz.com/reference/webguide_record.cfm?LINKADVID=68977

David James is working with the Network to develop an on-line course for Fats Oils and Grease (FOG). The tool is up and running, TCEQ will be soliciting feedback from their customers.