

# Minutes

Region 6 P2 Roundtable  
Wed. December 9, 2009



## ***Attendees***

- David Bond - EPA
- David James - TCEQ
- Audree Miller – ADEQ
- David Greer - TCEQ
- Kieran Sikdar - US Business Council for Sustainability

## ***Upcoming Dates/Events***

- January 28 Region 6 roundtable Teleconference
- February 25 Region 6 Teleconference
- March 25 Region 6 Teleconference
- April 19-24(tentative) Roundtable Summit in Austin
- May 25-27 National Environmental Summit, Orlando
- August 2-5, 2010 Roundtable and pretreatment conference in Addison

## ***EPA Update (David Bond)***

- P2 Grants are due out February or mid February
- Source Reduction Grants are due out in March or April
- Al Armendariz has been named new EPA Regional Administrator

## ***NPPR Update (David James)***

David James gave an intro to his organization, the TCEQ and his role with the TCEQ pollution prevention program. They do workshops, RENEW, Site Visits, the Clean Texas and Workshops.

David also gave an update on the NPPR roundtable. David J and Thomas serve on the board. Ken is returning as the Chair.

- Seeking input on the P2 Energy and Sustainability proposal. Wants to get input from people on the proposal.
- Wanting sponsors for webinars.

- Membership committee looking for a chair
- Dues are due
- Board is looking at EPA P2 Policy Update
  - NPPR is looking at integrating environmental stewardship into the policy.
  - Want to complete
- **Papers are due December 16**
- **Please Renew your memberships**

## **Regional Updates**

### ***US Sustainable Business Council***

Kieran is with the US Sustainable Business council, a non-profit that promotes by-product synergy. They are launching an effort on December 10 in Houston. Companies participating are steel, cement and industrial manufacturing facilities. David G. asked about the Future Gen (DOE clean coal project) .

### ***Arkansas***

Audree worked on a state project called the Strategic Energy Plan for State Agencies of Arkansas. An executive order required a strategic energy guideline for state programs. The group is working to develop and collect worksheets. State agencies are required to report energy use. Audree helped with training sessions and revising plans for energy conservation. She said it was similar to an ISO EMS but didn't follow all the requirements.

<http://www.Green.arkansas.gov>

### ***Texas***

Completed the fourth and final P2 workshop for the year in conjunction with

Conducted an Oil and Gas compliance and P2 workshp. Approximately 100 people.

Working on a plan for inventory of voluntary GHG emissions reductions. DOE has been collecting voluntary reuduction information. Greer is project lead.

## Oklahoma

Dianne Wilkins could not make the call, but did give the following update via email.

1. *The ECO project is coming along well. We have had 3 workshops (Ada, Idabel, Tulsa) with ~75 attendees. Other workshops in January and February are planned for OKC, Tahlequah, Duncan, Enid. Early registration looks good.*
  - a. *Our pilot hotel is the Colcord [www.colcordhotel.com](http://www.colcordhotel.com), a boutique hotel in OKC. I have connected them to an OU Architecture class and the students are using them as a LEED project. The students will evaluate what would be necessary for them to achieve LEED certification for existing buildings.*
  - b. *Our pilot restaurant is the Polo Grill [www.pologrill.com](http://www.pologrill.com) in Tulsa. They are located in a very unique, trendy, upscale shopping center, Utica Square [www.uticasquare.com](http://www.uticasquare.com). This property is owned by Helmerich & Payne and we are moving to have the entire property participate. If successful this would be a major development. Nichols Hill Plaza in OKC (possibly some of the most expensive real estate in OK) also wants to participate. All good news for OKStar!*
  - c. *ECO has formed a partnership with Clean the World [www.cleantheworld.org](http://www.cleantheworld.org). This organization collects soaps from hotels, sterilizes and repackages. So far the majority of its work is with Haiti. This is its first partnership outside of FL and the Colcord is the first participant.*
2. *December 15 is our first OKStar workshop for the printing industry. It will be co-hosted by QuadGraphics at their site and include a tour. This is meant to be an introduction to the OKStar printing track and guidance materials.*
3. *Yesterday with OKRA [www.recycleok.org](http://www.recycleok.org) we had Recycling through the Recession. Great seminar with ~110 attendees in Stillwater --- in spite of the weather.*
4. *DEQ purchased a membership in the PSI. This was major to have \$15,000 from solid waste funds. This means that every OK municipality is a member of PSI. We began with a meeting with pretreatment reps and had 21 at the meeting. Then we had a conference call with PSI. major topics of interest are e-waste, C&D, paint, pharmaceuticals. We are exploring having a one-day session next month for pharmaceuticals.*
5. *The OKC Chapter of the OK Sustainability Network, Sustainable OKC, is working on the OKStar for Food & Beverage Service in OKC. I am hoping that I will be able to do this with all the local chapters and have the locals be dealing with the restaurants, etc. in their area. This would give them a concrete platform from which to launch the sustainability discussion and move it to another level in the local communities. We'll be ironing out the kinks in OKC before moving on to another chapter.*

6. *The Green Schools program is coming along well. The partnership with Project Learning Tree has been very productive. We will soon begin waste audits at the 10 pilot sites. Elizabeth Frisch will be here to do a teacher workshop in January and that will be quite beneficial to the GSP.*
7. *I have had an invitation to the Governor's Economic Development team. I had pitched the idea of P2 and ED from the standpoint of business retention and local communities.*

## **Zero Waste**

Just completed the final in a series of four pollution prevention workshops. We are in the process of putting records in order so we can do follow up in the summer.