

# Region 6 P2 Roundtable

## August 2, 2007

### Teleconference

#### ***Participants***

- David Bond – EPA Region 6(host)
- Lynn Turner –Zero Waste
- David James – TCEQ
- Marilyn May – Kaufman County
- Michelle Vattano - NMED
- Chris Campbell – ADEQ
- Chuck Handrich – Louisiana DEQ
- Annette Smith – EPA Region 6
- Thomas Vinson – Zero Waste Network (Minute taker)

#### **Action Items:**

- Chris and Thomas to do a one page whitepaper on SIG grant
- David to send out summary of source reduction grants

#### ***Events***

October 18, 2007 OK Star training

#### ***State Innovation Grant***

Thomas suggested the idea of a video to highlight the successes of EMS programs and share ideas between the programs.

David B. suggested, based on the past SIG's, to find ways to

Chris would take the lead, but it would have to come from one of the state environmental regulatory agencies.

Thomas discussed the possibility of adding a state outside Region 6; callers agreed for now to keep it in the region.

David J. Mentioned past criteria and suggested focusing on pages 3-10  
(see also: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants/sig2006.htm>)

Transferring Innovation. 20 points  
Project Cost 5 points  
Project Technical Feasibility 15 points  
Team Proposals 10 points  
Addressing Other EPA Regional- State Priorities 25 points  
Institutional Readiness and Commitment 25 points  
FY07 talks about testing incentive

Annette went to a summit and they put an emphasis on multiple states.

Chris suggested deliverables:  
Training for EHS professionals who are interested in PTrack  
Regional award  
Site visits  
Add measurement data

Chuck said that he had a presentation on cost savings with cost savings on P2. Last half a day was EPA's NEPT highlights. So emphasized savings then told them how to get an award. Go through a Pareto analysis to determine best waste to reduce.

Thomas to send e-mail get the information and post on the website with minutes.

## **Next Steps**

Chris to write a whitepaper and work with States, especially NMED to get approval for participation, subcontracts etc...

The group discussed a tiered approach to entry. Businesses could come in at the P2 level, apply for an award or other level, then work them up to NEPT. Get people in at the initial level and think about how to have a full EMS.

Chris noted that was a role traditionally played by a state agency.

Michelle mentioned moving companies from recognition programs into Ptrack through the MOA's. Texas and Oklahoma

What's in it for states.

What is the benefit for states?

Chuck: To help state programs build capacity to get additional members into their feeder network. If they start out with small businesses, they could grow.

State Updates:

### ***ODEQ - Dianne***

Dianne has a new P2 employee, **Betty Reaties**. Betty is retired from the city of OKC. She has great experience with storm water (we used to do joint site visits). Additionally, she is very knowledgeable in health & safety — she teaches classes at the OK Safety Council. Betty's primary duties are SAVs & developing case studies. She has developed one case study and drafted a program that provides information and procedures for DEQ employees on health hazards due to potential occupational exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens (BBPs).

2. They have planned an OKStar training for October 18 (3 three-hour sessions in one day here in our Multi-Purpose Room). To “encourage” attendance the hazardous waste inspectors have begun doing inspections in the OKC area. And, our plan is to develop a methodology for using OKStar participation in SEPs.

They have planned 2 training events on September 20 & 27. Primary partner is the OK Safety Council who will be responsible for marketing through its members and trade associations.

The city of Tulsa has stepped up its outreach to metal finishers using the Fire Marshal's office. As a result we are receiving requests for assistance.

This year she is a team leader for the OK Quality Award Foundation. She is now evaluating applications and my site visit is scheduled for next week.

DEQ (lead by the Green Team) participated in the Change-a-Light campaign had 211 pledges with 1,175 bulbs changed, 331,350 kWh (\$33,135) saved with 522,875 of GHG emissions prevented.

Annette, DHL should be delivering the QAPP. I put an extra copy of the signature page. Would you and David sign and return? That way we will both have complete original signatures.

## **TCEQ**

Moving along with P2 Grant Deliverables

Hiring a DFW representative

Working on a project to get referrals from other programs

Getting annual reports from P2 Planning program sides

Provided training of EMS for local governments with forty five attendees. Will have meetings with high level City of Austin Utility Management staff.

Working with Toyota facility in San Antonio to green the supply chain.

Four workshops in Houston, Dallas, Beaumont and Austin

## **Zero Waste**

Transition to UT Arlington. Will keep office in Austin on Jollyville with TMAC.

Turbo TOMPS metal finishing project to help companies comply with federal regulations and promote P2 in pretreatment

RENEW – Resource exchange project under development.

P2 Planning Network – this year we will be working to promote P2 Planning programs on a national scale. Build on success of the P2 Planner.

Less case studies – EPA is asking us to put less emphasis on case studies.

## **LDEQ – Chuck Handrich**

Nalco had a waste that can be used as a feedstock in another process.

## **Source Reduction Grants**

David Bond updated on the awards for source reduction grants.

- Zero Waste
- Texas Railroad Commission -
- Nurtured World – Facilitate roundtable, including support for project to include pretreatment and a city of Dallas project to do training on air issues, EMS and discuss what businesses can do with employees to help with air issues.

David B. gave a training on P2 and land revitalization.

End of June had a conference for local governments and EMS.