



**Air Quality Task Force Meeting
Martinsburg, WV
July 11, 2007**

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In Attendance:

- Mark Baldwin – City of Martinsburg
- Whitney Burch – Jefferson County Development Authority
- Tony Lewis – Quad Graphics
- Robert Gordon – HEPMPO
- Mike Ball – Region 9

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Attendees reviewed the minutes from June 13, 2007. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The following information regarding the air quality program was presented

- The submission of the June 30, 2007 air quality report to the EPA.
 1. The EPA is now requiring an electronic copy of the semi-annual report. The option was raised to only produce electronic copies of the report for the Early Action Compact recipients. An email will be sent to determine the preference for printed or electronic copies.
- Recent newspaper articles.
 1. The July column for the Shepherdstown Chronicle is entitled "On The Road Again". This column addresses car maintenance as a means for reducing pollutants that cause ground level ozone.
 2. Mike Ball was interviewed by The Journal as part of an article on the recent heat wave. The article had a health related

theme. This was an opportunity to present the impact ground level ozone pollution has on people's health.

- Public Outreach and Education
 1. Mike Ball attended the annual meeting of the Potomac Headwaters RC&D. This was an opportunity to meet with individuals primarily focused on water issues.
 2. A meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2007 between Mike Ball, Lori Kneisly (Region 9) and Rebecca MacLeod (RC&D coordinator) to explore areas in the two programs where both programs can benefit.
- Changes to the EPA's ozone standard.
 1. The EPA published their new ozone standard recommendations on June 21, 2007. The recommendation is to reduce the standard from the current 80 parts per billion (ppb) to between 70 and 74 ppb. A decision on the new standard is scheduled for March 2008. This change will not affect the current air quality program's goal for the region to be designated as an attainment area.
 2. Changes to the air quality program may be necessary after the EPA does set the new standards.
- New PM 2.5 standards.
 1. Berkeley County is one of five areas in West Virginia designated to be a non-attainment area for particulate matter pollution, specifically, PM 2.5 pollution.
 2. Fred Durham, of the WVDEP, is currently working to develop a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for PM 2.5 for these five areas.
 3. The Eastern Panhandle is the only one of the five areas that has an existing air quality program. Fred asked Mike Ball to participate in a conference call with the other four areas to discuss the Eastern Panhandle's air quality program and how the other areas may be able to use the program to start their own program. A conference call will be scheduled in August or September.
 4. Based on the new EPA standards and the PM 2.5 issue, Mark Baldwin suggested Fred Durham address these issues from the state's perspective with the EAC and Air Quality Task Force. Fred has no plans to be in the area in the near future but can be available for a conference call. An email will be sent to all task force members for their comments on this issue.

Upcoming Events

The next meeting of the Air Quality Task Force is Wednesday, August 15, 2007. It is tentatively scheduled for 2:00 in the Region 9 conference room.