



**Air Quality Task Force Meeting
Martinsburg, WV
June 13, 2007**

In Attendance:

- Mark Baldwin – City of Martinsburg
- Martin Weller – Halltown Paperboard
- John Hemmen – Ecolab, Inc.
- Neal Carpenter – Jefferson County
- 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 May 9, 2007. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The following information regarding the air quality program was presented

- Recent air quality presentations for local service organizations
- The new Park and Ride parking lot at Tabler Station and I-81. The lot has been built; DOH is awaiting the installation of guard rails and painting of stripes. Estimated to open within 90 days.
- Participation with SHENAIR in Virginia. SHENAIR is looking at the issue of air pollution throughout the length of the Shenandoah Valley.
- The EPA will make new ozone standard recommendations around June 22, 2007. These recommendations will not affect the current EAP.
- The Air Quality Division of the WV DEP is currently writing a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to address the non-attainment status of various West Virginia Counties for PM 2.5. Berkeley County is the

only county in the Eastern Panhandle considered a non-attainment area. The SIP is due to the EPA by March 2008.

General Discussion

- A question was raised about the affect relative humidity has on the creation of ozone. Mr. Ball is researching the answer to that question.
- Home Depot was sited as an example of a location where unnecessary idling frequently occurs. Mr. Ball will contact Home Depot and Lowes to see if they would consider installing signs requesting people turn off their vehicles engines while loading their purchases.
- John Hemmen of Ecolab, Inc. requested a copy of the semi-annual report for use by his company. Ecolab was mentioned in the June 30, 2007 report because of the company included information about ozone pollution and air quality alerts in their company newsletter. Ecolab will use this in their annual report as an example of their work within the community to create a sustainable workplace and environment.

Upcoming Events

The next meeting of the Air Quality Task Force is Wednesday, July 11, 2007. The time will be announced.