



## **Region 6 P2 Roundtable**

**Teleconference**

**Thursday Feb. 23, 2006**

### ***Participants***

Brian Christian - TCEQ  
Pierre Lichaa - TCEQ  
Deanne Wilkins - ODEQ  
Susan Roothaan – Nurtured World  
Javier Balli- EPA  
Annette Smith - EPA  
Michelle Vattano - NMED  
Chris Campbell- WERC  
Audree Miller - ADEQ  
Thomas Vinson – Zero Waste Network (minute taker)

### ***Events***

April 17 (week of) Spring P2 Roundtable, El Paso  
August 7-8 Fall P2 Roundtable, Little Rock Arkansas  
August 8-10, 2006 Region 6 Pretreatment Conference, Little Rock Arkansas

### ***Fall Roundtable***

The first item of discussion was to reach agreement on the fall Roundtable meeting. It will be held August 7-8, 2006  
Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> will be noon to 1:00 pm and will focus on issues for “core” roundtable members, though it is open, people who are not usually participating will be encouraged to come on the next day. Tuesday will be held from 8 am to noon (concurrently with pretreatment 101) Javier will take the lead on the Monday agenda. Thomas on Tuesday agenda.  
Susan will be coordinating logistics. Lee Bohme of EPA is getting AV equipment etc...  
Dianne and Audree also offered projectors.

The Region 6 pretreatment conference will be held August 8-10. Several region 6 roundtable representatives will be speaking at the conference including Susan and Thomas. Thomas emphasized that this conference would be a good opportunity to build

capacity for P2 in the pretreatment programs; he is planning a team building dinner on August 7<sup>th</sup>. He also said that he is working on a potential award program for P2 and pretreatment.

## ***Spring Roundtable***

The Spring Roundtable will meet week of April 17. This roundtable will include Site Assistance Visit (SAV) training. The group considered three options

- ❖ ½ day meet, 2 day SAV
- ❖ 1 day meet, 2day SAV
- ❖ ½ day 2 day SAV ½

Javier said he believed the priority was the SAV's. Chris added that a post meeting has the advantage of preparing us for the Atlanta summit. Thomas believed we needed to do regional planning at this meeting. Chris pointed out we won't have La there. Javier suggested having a conference line.

TCEQ El Paso was suggested as a possible site for roundtable meeting. This moves the hosting to Texas. Brian said he was supportive of hosting. Chris agreed, since it would help Texas with more

Brian said he talked with Susan and staff. He completely endorses an approach that focuses on SAV's. Brian wants to talk with Mr. Clouse about his priorities for SAV' He will brief Matt Baker, then talk with Archie Clouse and get back to the group within a week. Chris said he had talked with Pam Aggire.

Brian said this would help his reinvigorated SAV program. "It is a win-win for us".

Michelle said she had contacted a New Mexico fertilizer plant in Southern part of New Mexico that was settling through the SEP process. They have a lot of community issues; chemical company upset with NMED. Wants to sell an audit, show them the benefits of a SAV. How it would appease the community with their issues.

Santa Teresa. Border community has a lot of assembly and warehouses. They have applied and gotten the Green Zia award. Have a large training room we could use.

Susan envisioned having different teams and splitting teams up into different SAV teams. Chris added he would have a half day for summarizing results. Susan mentioned if there were regional quality issues that could be addressed to address regional issues. Brian added they would like to do this because they have a long track record of a regional approach. Susan wanted to pick sites based on each states and regional priorities. Need to set up visits.

Brian wanted one roundtable day to minimize travel.

Thomas wanted to work together in our grant planning. RFP may be coming out within the next couple of weeks. And will be due end of April. If comes out March 10, will be due until end of April. So grant planning may be impractical if we are meeting week before. Javier encourages sharing through the list server, or e-mailing back and forth. The idea is to leverage each others resources.

Javier said that his participation in planning has to be limited to very routine, administrative answers. He cannot give the appearance of competitive disadvantage.

Israel discussed how we could bring in other EPA voluntary initiatives like Green Buildings, NEPT. Dianne mentioned this is a recurring conversation. RCC, Green Supply chain has spoken at these meetings. Israel said that most of the voluntary programs fall in different offices, cutting across the grain.

One general point of discussion. What regional issues can each state not solve without each other. E.g. Border, Gulf Coastline. Dianne mentioned the Diesel challenge. Brian agreed that this was one of the regional issues that was a good example. Blue Skyways. All the region states except New Mexico.

Someone will be at El Paso to discuss the program.

## ***Environmental Summit***

Susan will be doing a consumer P2 workshop. Thomas is working with TMAC, and their Connecticut equivalent to do a Lean Manufacturing workshop. Chris is coordinating our regional presentation is May 10: 8:30 am – 10:00 am Regional presentation – Everyone sent their bios electronically. Audree is having travel funding issues; Thomas suggested she apply for a scholarship. Mary Talkuder will be going for TCEQ. Mary is Matt Bakers project specialist. Brian stated that he wanted their office to attend, but their premier event, the Texas Environmental Trade Fair, will be held the same week (note: NPPR was rescheduled due to Hurricane Katrina).

### Action Items:

- ❖ Audree register, apply for a scholarship
- ❖ Susan submit bio electronically
- ❖ Proposal for presentation to Brian C.

## ***Updates***

### **EPA**

Javier expects solicitation notice out in next two weeks for PPG. Amount to be approximately \$394,100, which is only \$3000 less than last year. May be slightly more. Last year they had carry over funds.

Javier received draft architecture for 200 EPA ; EPA has opened up a comment for a draft architecture for strategic plan.

Susan asked about 2% set aside (Source Reduction Grant). Javier said this would come out a month later. They are expecting it to be about \$160,000.

Thomas and Susan are planning to go for this grant.

They also discussed RCC, CARE, RGI program. Chris says that state agencies are not eligible. Can partner with other groups. Deanne wanted to add the item for exploring funding outside of EPA. Annette wanted to thank for help on Grants and helping them get through.

### **ADEQ**

Management services personnel helped write up management plan for EMS they will help manage significant aspects. Need to rewrite contract. They have two new H2E partners. They met with P2 steering committee in ADEQ.

### **New Mexico**

Michelle is working on P2 video. Working on the automotive spray painting workshop in cooperation with small business assistance program. Working on QAPP.

They are working to identify P2 opportunities within NMED. They will meet within the next month.

Michelle said that they weren't going to replace Erin until end of FY.

### **WERC**

Chris is working with H2E and NMED on daylong workshop for 6 Albuquerque and Santa Fe facilities. Spent previous afternoon doing assessments for hospitals.

The goal of training is to form NM healthcare advisory council. Worked with the New Mexico hospitals association. President attended hour of training and was very supportive. They agreed to form advisory council with set of goals and mission statement. Will be written up in their journal. Will do follow up with hospitals that visited, and bring information o hospitals that weren't there.

He mentioned they were working on a surface water quality proposal.

### **Oklahoma**

Working on adopt Baldrige self assessment. Getting Star programs for two air force bases. Working on going to automotive places. The big problem is they need so much one on one contact. She needs feet on the street.

Got a good plastic formula company coming into OK star. They are between gold and platinum. Dayton has also joined. Next week, she will be meeting with City of Tulsa with fats oils and grease (FOG workshops). She is planning four workshops on how to inventory compliance. SBDC is major partner in southwest side of state Chamber of Commerce.

Israel met with someone who was with Chikasaw tribe about documents to help implement EMS's.

### **Texas**

Brian has scaled back H2E, share major finding with Texas Hospital Association. They are phasing that project out. In the middle of reviewing management briefings on direction for P2 section. They are talking about architecture of CTCW, and implementation of EMS statute in particular. Will make changes to CTCW and change names to Bronze Silver Gold and Platinum. Silver is a new category that tracks compliance with EMS statutes. They are checking with management on TCEQ's role in audits and standards of EMS. They will continue to promote performance-based EMS as part of their programs. They are weighing their resources, management and the statute.

They will be rolling out a new more robust SAV program. They are looking at going to a different strategy. They want to target high-risk facilities (identified by regional coordinators and toxicology staff) and poor performers. They want to become the third prong of how the agency deals with the environment (Permitting, Enforcement, and SBEA.) The big roll out will be targeted in Houston area. They are basing who they assist on data ambient monitoring. Focus will be on large companies with ultimate goal of bringing them into CTCW.

SAV plus is the name of the new program because it adds compliance assistance. It will get a commitment to report data.

Brian is on technical committee for Blue Skyways. Went to meeting in Denver to integrate with other program areas at TCEQ. They are working on Smartway grant.

Pierre will go to spring seminar sessions in UT Brownsville. This has no simultaneous translation yet. Tentatively scheduled March 28. They have two additional SAV's planned at the All Star Metals in Port of Brownsville and Taylor Aircraft Aviation.

On the border they are looking at regional compost initiatives including a Greenscapes 319 project. Got a big invitation from Juarez to develop a diploma on Environmental Management to comply with goal 6 of Border 2012.

UT Brownsville working on body shops.

Grace added that Matt Baker is working on a program to promote individual P2 activities within TCEQ and creating incentives.

### **Nurtured World**

Susan planning consumer P2 courses in New Mexico. Consumer behavior changes with UT, Austin. Working with Environmental Education on HS, Middle School. Doing a conference in third week of March. The Integral Institute, Ken Wilbur who works on change management.

Working with the P2Rx center in the Northeast making a consumer topic hub.

### **Zero Waste**

Thomas emphasized the need for collecting measurement results so he can put them into the aggregation tool at:

<http://www.zerowastenetwork.org/measurement/index.cfm?Page=Highlight>

He said that following up to collect these results was a rewarding process. He knows many of the programs are “one man bands”; however, his center was able to spend time following up, so they can too. In following up he found a company that reduced their styrene below regulatory limits. This allowed them to stay in the U.S.A. instead of off-shoring their jobs. As a result they were able to respond to the Katrina disaster in a timely manner. Thomas said that finding cases like these was critical in our national efforts to ensure funding. EPA is requiring measurable results in their awards, and will weigh the ability to measure things like tons reduced, gallons of water saved or dollars saved in their evaluation of funding priorities.