# Region 6 Pollution Prevention Roundtable



Teleconference September 20, 2006

# **Attendees**

Javier Ballí – EPA Region 6
Israel Anderson – EPA Region 6
Annette Smith – EPA Region 6
Pierre Lichaa – TCEQ
Susan Roothaan - Nurtured World
Justin Murrill – Nurtured World
Michelle Vattano – New Mexico Environmental Department
Audree Miller – Arkansas DEQ
Thomas Vinson-Peng – Zero Waste Network (minute taker)

## Miscellaneous

Next Roundtable Meeting: Dallas (approximately April)

Javier Ballí will be leaving the roundtable coordinator position; there is no official word if Joy Campbell will be involved in Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance through mid October.

## Aciton items

#### **Old Action Items**

- ❖ Eli to send e-mail with update on H2E program Done
- ❖ Javier will follow up with Deanna Debose of EPA Headquarters on RCC. Done
  - Thomas to get a link to the P2Tech discussion on Resource Conservation
     Challenge. Cc: people who were on the teleconference. Done
- ❖ Thomas to send out draft agenda of Regional Roundtable with schedule of events by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> so roundtable members can arrange travel.
  - Based on schedule and their needs, roundtable members to get airline tickets at reduced rates by July 3, 2006

- ❖ Follow up on site visits. Susan wants to have the reports out within two weeks for two facilities.
  - o Facility is reviewing.
- Thomas to revise other two Site Visit reports and submit to the team for consideration. He has left the date open for now, but would like to have them finalized by the end of July.
- Chris sent follow up on Hospital Assessment for VA Arkansas.
- Specialty painting

#### New

- \* Regional Priorities
  - o Get them to Javier ASAP
- Regional members to agree on priorities by in next two to three weeks:
  - o Javier will send draft priorities that we have in an order
  - o Thomas go through flipcharts and put points to ranking
  - o Put the near final on the public list serve, and post on website.
- ❖ Justin to have minutes to Javier, Susan, and Thomas by Friday
  - o They will review and turn around within a week.
- ❖ Israel to get a link on EMS for small governments, and also a link to EMS for Casino's
- Thomas to work individually with states to get measurement data on-line for Region 6.

# General - Follow Up on Little Rock

(Note: to make the minutes complet some of the following was taken from notes on the Arkansas meeting).

The P2 Roundtable core members identified six regional priorities to be considered for the regional grants. Following are the priorities considered and a weighted score which reflects members' votes:

- 1. Climate Change (29)
- 2. Public Consumption (29)
- 3. Water Quality/Quantity (28)
- 4. Energy Sources and Conservation (24)
- 5. Regulatory Integration [of P2 Programs] (13)
- 6. Local Governments (12)

### Also considered were

- 7. Build Capacity (10)
- 8. Small Business Sector (9)
- 9. Border (7)

- 10. Economic Benefit [increase work on estimating economic benefits of P2] (7)
- 11. Tribal (5)
- 12. Strategic (5) [note: not sure what this means may want to drop from record or explain]
- 13. Oil and Gas (2)
- 14. Sensitive Populations (2)

The group also identified several activities and leads:

- 1. Include energy assessment in site visits (David James, Dianne Wilkins, Susan Roothaan)
- 2. P2 Policy and Regulatory Integration (Thomas Vinson-Peng)
- 3. Building priorities into regional meetings (Javier Ballí, Susan Roothaan)
- 4. Resource Exchange Programs (Audree Miller, Chris Campbell, Scottie Mcknight) Also considered were:
  - 5. [not clear from butcher paper] coordinate regional plans, green house gas initiatives/plans, coordinate public marketing on consumption (JM)
  - 6. Cross state water quality/quantity issues
  - 7. Eco Industrialism
  - 8. Smartways fuel efficiency and increasing fuel efficiency

Israel initiated a conversation about how the regional priorities fit into the agency 300 day plan. Javier and he are being asked to lay out the programs their division is engaged in (Performance Track, P2 etc...) and determine how they fit with OECCA priorities and other offices in the agency, the 300 day plan etc...

# **EPA Region 6**

Border 2012 RFP is out. The proposals are due November 12, 2006. It includes EMS outcomes and also encouragement for P2. Javier will post on list serve.

Javier received outcomes data for pounds of waste, and expressed appreciation for the outcomes.

Israel and Gerald Carney will be visiting the Oklahoma State university and talking with Oklahoma Tribal Association to lay out their strategy for increasing tribal schools activities. OECA has set tribal schools as a priority. Specifically to address:

- ➤ Led based paint
- ➤ Water quality
- > Asbestos
- ➤ P2 and chemical management

Michelle added she had began a tour of the 22 tribal authorities in New Mexico. Israel, Michelle and Chris will be discussing this project next year.

## **WERC**

Chris and Michelle did an H2E assessment. They have also been having planning meetings for consumer P2 workshop. Will be doing P2 and recycling assistance at a Pueblo school in Santa Anna.

# **TCEQ**

Pierre reported for TCEQ. They just started the new fiscal year. They have a goal of 70 Clean Texas program members. They are trying to integrate Regional offices will be working to identify companies that need help and would like to work with P2 assistance program. The assistance programs will be targeting benzene sources along the Houston Ship Channel. They are targeting the Marine industry. They are developing SAV+ toolkit.

They are working on preparing workshop on the border. They are planning to work November 14, 2006 in Harlingen. They think they will get funds from various sources including H2E, Valley Baptist Hospital to cover speakers from Mexico.

## **ADEQ**

Had 31 people at an H2E seminar, which was well received.

Audree attended a sustainability task force meeting at the state capitol. A speaker from WalMart discussed how they are working to reduce their energy use. They worked with a supplier to get a 71% reduction in energy use.

They turned in ADEQ's EMS manual for formal review by a consultant.

The draft environmental purchasing policy is undergoing review. Michelle asked to see it so other states could adopt.

Audree is finalizing her grant reports for Javier and Annette.

## Zero Waste

Thomas is working on the new version of the P2Rx Pollution Prevention Results Data System.

# **Nurtured World**

Nurtured world has been working with the Fort Hood housing authority. They are planning one or two more workshops. Residents have a method of calculating their energy costs. They can get a rebate to those who use less power, and charges those who use more power. After Little Rock they met with Little Rock ISD about having a workshop there.

## **NMED**

Michelle has been focusing on Green Zia. The members received recognition events on October 19, 2006 at the Georgia O'Keefe educational annex.

Michelle will be developing a policy for the electronics task force concerning how electronics will be disposed of. They are working on how to reduce mercury reductions statewide. She is working with the air quality division to find aggregate BMP's.

Will be doing the H2E waste assessment for Taos.

Michelle Vattanno was involved in the tribal tours for the deputy secretary of state. She is working with multiple programs. She will be piloting a casino waste assessment program.