



**Department Of Toxic Substance Control
Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee
February 23, 2000 Meeting Notes**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee met in Sacramento on February 23, 2000. The purpose of this meeting was to get agreement on the general approach of DTSC's pollution prevention report, get agreement on DTSC's general approach for the two-year workplan for petroleum refineries and auto repair industries, compile a short list of possible recommendations for Chapter 7 of report, and outline the Acritical path@ for successful closure of year one.

ATTENDANCE

Public members:

Barbara Brenner, Breast Cancer Action
Greg Beach, San Bernardino County Fire Dept./CalCUPA Forum
Kelly Moran, Sierra Club
Maggie Robbins, California Federation of Labor
Jim Schrack, ARCO
Ann Heil, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Stewart Crook, Agilent Technologies, Inc.
Brian Cox, Humboldt County Environmental Health
Larry Moore, Larry's AutoWorks
Martha Valdés, Environmental Health Coalition

Cal/EPA boards, departments and offices (*ex officio* representatives):

Bill Orr, Integrated Waste Management Board
Don Ames, Air Resources Board
Jim Bennett, state Water Resources Control Board
Jim Donald, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Bob Hoffman, Cal/EPA Office of the Secretary; Department of Toxic Substances Control (*Bob clarified that he represents both Winston Hickox, Cal/EPA Secretary, and Ed Lowry, DTSC Director, on this committee)

Facilitator

Laurie McCann, California Center for Public Dispute Resolution

DTSC staff

Kim Wilhelm, Chief, Pollution Prevention Branch
David Hartley, Chief, Pollution Prevention Clearinghouse
Alan Ingham, Chief, Source Reduction Unit
Jim Allen, Chief, Office of Pollution Prevention and Technology Development
Kathy Barwick, Senior Hazardous Substance Scientist
David Miller, Senior Hazardous Substance Scientist
Maxine Richey, Senior Hazardous Substance Scientist

Ann Blake, Senior Hazardous Substance Scientist
Evelina Rayas, Senior Hazardous Substance Scientist
Natalie Marcano, Hazardous Substance Scientist
Nicole Mendez, OPPTD support staff

Visitors

Robin Bedell-Waite, Contra Costa County Environmental Health
Susan Blachman, Environmental Finance Center, Reg. IX
Sarah Diefendorf, Environmental Finance Center, Reg. IX
Simeon ?, Air Resources Board
Leif Magnuson, U.S. EPA Reg. IX
Matt McCarron, North Bay Permit Assistance Center

KEY OUTCOMES

- * Key outcomes of the meeting include (more details below):
 - May 31, 2000 was selected as the date of the public meeting of the Advisory Committee@
 - the Data Subcommittee will meet via conference call on Thursday, March 2 at 1 pm.
 - DTSC staff will schedule a conference call of the Grants Subcommittee
 - comments on the proposed project activities for petroleum refineries and auto repair were provided to DTSC staff (more details below)

- * Kathy Barwick presented an overview of the draft report/workplan.

- * Alan Ingham presented a description of the draft petroleum refineries workplan. The committee expressed some concern about the timing of the various project elements, and about the relative weight of various project elements. Specifically, the committee was concerned about the fundamental premise that posting facility environmental profiles on the internet would in itself cause the petroleum refining industry to aggressively pursue source reduction. Highlights of committee suggestions:
 - start working with industry, labor, and affected community organizations now (prior to workplan finalization), so they have input into project design
 - avoid a one size fits all@approach--what works best in specific situations?
 - implement project elements concurrently, rather than sequentially
 - de-emphasize data evaluation
 - emphasize onsite work with refinery personnel

- * DTSC presented a description of the draft auto repair industry workplan. The committee expressed support for the general concept of a plan to plan,@including proceeding with a needs assessment to help focus DTSC's efforts in this very broad area (>30,000 facilities!). DTSC staff clarified that this project will exclude auto body repair shops and radiator shops.

- * General committee feedback (for both projects):

--the plan should contain a clear description of the steps DTSC will follow (e.g., meet w/stakeholders, formulate goals, establish specific project activities, etc.)

--goals should be clearly articulated, and measurable

--the plan should contain a rough timeline for activities

- * A date was established for the public meeting of the advisory committee: May 31, 2000. Remaining issues include identifying the meeting location, determining specific objectives for the meeting, etc.
- * The committee discussed the issue of how it will make recommendations to DTSC. DTSC staff will gather appropriate items from previous meetings and offline discussions to provide a focus for discussing possible recommendations at the April 5th meeting.
- * The committee identified critical steps toward meeting our deadline of having a final report/workplan by June 15, 2000 (closure for year one of the committee's work):

1. Data Subcommittee

In order to follow up on the previous meeting of the Data Subcommittee, focusing on the committee's request for specific data, a Data Subcommittee conference call has been scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2000 at 1 pm. Call details will be sent out via email. Agenda items include:

- a) review status of subcommittee data analysis request
- b) review Chapter 2 of the draft p2 report
- c) discuss future needs re: hazardous waste data, including the need for California to establish a new reduction goal

Subcommittee members include Maggie, Kelly, Ann, Barbara, and Dan Garza (DTSC staff).

2. General concurrence on the report/workplan prior to 5/1/00.

--Comments on the portions of the draft report not discussed during this meeting, including chapters 2, 3, 5 and 6 should be provided to Kathy by March 13, 2000.

Comments may be submitted by phone, mail, e-mail, or you may simply mark up your copy and send it to Kathy at P.O. Box 806, Sacramento, CA 95812-0806.

--The next iteration of the report/workplan will be distributed via e-mail for committee review; a conference call will be scheduled for those interested in discussing the report/workplan.

3. AC members were requested to provide to DTSC any specific information re: groups to meet with, etc., to fill out the Aplan to plan@ for the automotive repair and petroleum refining projects. Provide input to Dave Hartley [(916) 324-1815, or dhartley@dtsc.ca.gov for auto repair project] or Alan Ingham [(916) 322-5629, or aingham@dtsc.ca.gov for petroleum refineries project).

4. Resolve recommendations issue.

Action: Kathy will collect identified issues from previous meetings and offline discussions of the committee for consideration as a starting point for the April 5th meeting.

NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2000, Sacramento. Specific location TBA. Proposed agenda items include:

- review next report/workplan draft
- review issues/recommendations
- further discussion on the AC's public meeting (5/31/00)

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR

- ! April 5, 2000 - Next meeting
- ! May 1, 2000 - Draft report/workplan due
- ! May 6, 2000 - Accessible to public
- ! May 31, 2000 - Public meeting
- ! June 15, 2000 - Final report

Questions about DTSC's pollution prevention program, or the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee should be directed to Kathy Barwick of DTSC's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technology Development at (916) 323-9560, or by e-mail at kbarwick@dtsc.ca.gov.