



**Wichita Ozone Informational Meeting
Wichita City Hall, City Council Chamber
Thursday, September 4, 2008
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Staff Members Present:

Rick Brunetti
Tom Gross
Douglas Watson
David Butler (SCDO)

Others Present by Attendance Record:

John Stark, Wichita Environmental Dept.
Kay Johnson, Wichita Environmental Dept.
Charles Anderson, Wichita Environmental Dept.
Mike Price, Hawker Beechcraft
Bernie Koch, Wichita Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Weir, Butler County
Chad Von Ahnen, Sedgwick County
Herb Llewellyn, City of El Dorado
Tom Kneil, Sierra Club
Jo Oliver, Sedgwick County
Angela Buzard, REAP
Melisa Carpenter, Spirit Aerospace
Dr. S.P. Singh, Newman University
Allison Lemons
Brian Coon, City of Wichita
Lance Johanson, Custom Cupboards
Greg Sanks, Spirit Aerosystems
Irene Hart, Sedgwick County
Scott Rickard, City of El Dorado
Dan Wilkus, Westar Energy
Brenton Holper, WAMPO
Susan Erlenwein, Sedgwick County
Diane Tinker, American Lung Association
Christy Rodriguez, MAPD
Keith Price, City of Bel Aire

Paul Gunzelman, City of Wichita
Nancy Larson, Kansas State University
Kathy Walters-Allen, Boeing
Kent Brown, City of Clearwater
Elizabeth Bishop, AQITF
John Schlegel, MAPD
Shawn Maloney, City of Wichita

Summary

Rick Brunetti, Tom Gross and Douglas Watson met with city and county officials and stakeholders in Wichita about the new ozone standard.

35 people were in attendance, including: county and local officials, and many industry reps -- Boeing, Spirit Aerosystems, Hawker Beechcraft, Westar Energy, Custom Cupboards and others.

Doug Watson began the presentation with a review of the ozone designation process and how KDHE will proceed with developing its recommendations to EPA. Tom Gross then shared informational slides on the data that BAR has begun to assemble on the Wichita MSA counties to address the 11 criteria guidance for designation. He also went into detail on the tool (Multi-Criteria Integrated Resource Assessment Tool - MIRA) that BAR is using to assemble and guide the decision making process. Doug Watson then discussed the extremely cool weather this summer and the ramifications that this may have on the designation for Wichita.

The "take home" messages were:

- 1.) This ozone season has been extremely cool and wet.
- 2.) If the weather holds as predicted, 2008 ozone season data (although not quality assured at this time and the season not officially over until October 31) combined with 2006 and 2007 data would show that Wichita would meet EPA's new ozone standard.
- 3.) Even if Wichita does meet the standard now in response to this very unusual weather, the ozone problems still exists and everyone should not be content with the status quo. Voluntary efforts should continue in full force.

The meeting was very successful and the interaction was appreciated by the participants.

Some follow-up items discussed at the meeting --

Informed them that KDHE Web site for the "new ozone standard designation process" to post relevant information and serve as a convenience to these folks is up and operational.

Discussions were held on the new ozone special monitoring site that BAR has installed just southwest of the city of Sedgwick in Sedgwick County. Some preliminary data was shared with the attendees and the desire of BAR to continue monitoring ozone at this site through next year's ozone season.

The first milestone is boundary recommendations -- which are due to EPA March 2009.