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This email is sent on behalf of John W. Mitchell, Director of the Division of Environment, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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Continuing concerns about the impacts of burning in the Flint Hills region on air quality have prompted the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to organize the Kansas Smoke Management Advisory Committee. The Committee will begin the process of developing a Smoke Management Plan. You have been identified as an interested party, and we encourage you to attend and observe the initial meeting of the Kansas Smoke Management Advisory Committee. We understand that this meeting comes at a very busy time of year for you but is needed to afford legislators the opportunity to participate during recess from their legislative session.

KDHE is reaching out to a diverse group of stakeholders to provide access to information about this initial meeting of the Kansas Smoke Management Advisory Committee. This group of diverse interests includes livestock producers and ranchers, members of the State Legislature, local governments, conservation groups, agribusiness organizations, K-State, fire protection agencies and other interested parties. There will be an opportunity at the end of the meeting for observers to ask questions and provide comments.

The first meeting of the Kansas Smoke Management Advisory Committee will be held on Friday, April 9, 2010. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at noon. It will be held in the Community Room in the basement of the Harvey County Courthouse, 800 N. Main St. in Newton. [Click here](#) for a map of the meeting location and an agenda for the meeting is attached to this email.

Please contact Doug Watson at (785) 296-0914 or dwatson@kdheks.gov if you plan to attend the meeting.