

National Steering Committee Conference Call

January 5, 2010

Region

I Sara Johnson NH, Julie Churchill ME
II No representation
III Glenn Heilmann NCAP, Terry Polen WV
IV James Robinson SC
V Dave Fielder MI, Stacey Pfeffer IN, Renee Bashel WI,
Annette Fulgenzi IL
VI Anne Marie Callery TX
VII Cathy Colglazier KS, Barb Johnson KS, Dan Nickey IA
VIII Christine Hoefler CO
IX La Ronda Bowen CA
X Joan Meitl ID
USEPA Angela Suber, Joan Rogers, Paula Zampieri OSBP Seth
Hemingway (OECA), Audrey Zelanko Vision Technologies

Annette Fulgenzi, Chair, National Steering Committee, presided:

- a) The call that was scheduled for December 2009 was cancelled.
- b) The NSC submitted comments on the Area Source Implementation Guidance. In general, the NSC noted that there should be a formal role for the SBO/SBEAPs in the formal guidance.
- c) SBA & EPA are looking for volunteers to serve on a Small Business Panel for the Brick and Clay MACT. Due to the short time frame (Jan 7th deadline), a request will be made today (across the nation) for volunteers. This topic will be pursued by Technical Subcommittee with the representative chosen to serve on the Panel.
- d) Penalty Discussion: A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of using air enforcement penalties to fund the programs or certain aspects of the programs. Some questions were raised regarding the limitations of the usage of these funds within budgets. LaRonda Bowen

explained how CA was able to achieve penalty set asides for small business assistance through legislative action. There were also discussions regarding the possibility of working with the Regional Offices to fund environmentally beneficial projects through settlements and perhaps using the Small Business Liaisons or Compliance Assistance Coordinators to serve as a point person on gathering project ideas and working with the enforcement offices. Seth Hemingway will explore the idea and some of the questions raised and will report back.

- e) EPA comments: The planning of the Annual Meeting is moving forward with the first planning call being held on 12 Jan 2010. The meeting is planned for the first or third week of June. A request was also made for the NSC to have a 1/2 day strategic planning session at the beginning or end of the conference. Suggestions for the theme of the meeting include:
 - a. Changing regulatory landscapes
 - b. Working together for success
 - c. USEPA Enforcement priorities and their impact on SBs
 - d. Training on the new regulations

Small Business Bulletin will go out somewhere around January 18th.

The office is also working on a meeting with the small business trade groups.

- f) NCAAP update:
 - a. The NCAAP will work with California to acquire success stories to use in the contemplation of re-creating a CAP in their state.

- b. The Guidelines are almost completed for the NCAP (these include items such as term limits) comments are due by this Friday Jan 8th.
 - c. The vision for the NCAP is a rebuilding for this year. This will include new officers for 2010.
 - d. Glenn complimented the Toolkit created by USEPA. This toolkit is for usage by states and CAPs in improving their interactions.
 - e. Glenn commented on the need, by SBs, for a one-stop shop in the assistance programs.
- g) OECA update:
- a. There will be a meeting with the AA next week to discuss the vision for the OECA compliance assistance including increased collaboration with the SBEAPs.
 - b. OECA is coordinating a meeting with the RCRA office and the SBEAP's to explore ways we can collaborate as a follow up to the last EAN meeting
 - c. On Jan 21 the entire EAN group will meet. This is a cross agency group designed to help with compliance assistance.
- h) Climate Change Subcommittee
- a. A comment letter was submitted by the NSC regarding the Proposed Greenhouse Gas tailoring rule.
 - b. La Ronda Bowen noted that she used this letter in CA to show the value of the SBEAPs.
- i) Technical Subcommittee
- a. The previous call included numerous comments regarding the overwhelming nature of the 6H rules on both the states and the businesses.
 - b. Many states are still not taking delegation of 6H.
 - c. Numerous rule are out, including:
 - i. Asphalt

- ii. Paint
 - iii. Chemical Prep
 - iv. Prepared Feed
- d. Currently, most states are currently focusing their outreach efforts on 6H and Drycleaners.
- e. The subcommittee will discuss the final rules and plans for assistance by the states on their 26 January call.
- j) Multimedia Subcommittee
 - a. The subcommittee's focus will be on collaboration issues, including working with EPA more effectively and efficiently.
 - b. Also included in the focus will be the availability, to the businesses, of quick and consistent rule determination.
- k) Measurement Subcommittee
 - a. Troy Johnson & Phyllis Copeland are the new co-chairs of the subcommittee
- l) Promotion Subcommittee
 - a. No report
- m) Awards Subcommittee
 - a. No report

Respectfully submitted:

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