

**EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NETAC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Maude Cobb Convention Center
100 Grand Blvd.
Longview, Texas**

MINUTES OF MEETING

1) Call to Order: NETAC Co-Chair Judge Bill Stoudt, Gregg County

Judge Stoudt called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

2) Roll Call: Rick McKnight, ETCOG Environmental Manager

Policy Committee Members Present

- NETAC Co-Chair Judge Bill Stoudt, Gregg County
- Jim Mathews, NETAC General Counsel
- Mayor Buzz Fullen, City of Henderson
- Jeff Howell, City of Kilgore
- Greg Morgan, City of Tyler
- Winston Robinson, City of Marshall
- Keith Honey, AEP/SWEPCO
- David Duncan, Luminant
- Commissioner Emma Bennett, Harrison County
- Darrell Rachels, Eastman Chemical Company
- Scott Snedden, Westlake Chemical
- Tammy Campbell, WECAN

Others Present

- Greg Yarwood, ENVIRON
- Sue Kemball-Cook
- Rick McKnight, ETCOG
- Luke Kimbrough, ETCOG
- Leroy Biggers, TCEQ
- Michelle Beatz, TCEQ
- Kathy Singleton, TCEQ
- Doug Boyer, TCEQ
- Jack Holsembach, TCEQ
- Carrie Paige, EPA Region 6
- Robert Ray, City of Longview
- Karen Owen, Longview MPO
- Rick Hanning, Luminant

3) Discussion and approval of the NETAC Policy Committee meeting minutes of November 7, 2008: Co-Chair Judge Stoudt

A motion was made to approve the November 7, 2008 minutes. A second was made and the motion passed without any dissent.

4) Update on Technical Activities for Emission Inventories and Ozone Modeling

Work has continued on improving the NETAC 2005 ozone model. Several emission inventory updates have been completed. Satellite fire emissions data for the Eastern U.S. have been added. The gas compressor engine inventory load factor has been updated based on the 2008 Pollution Solutions survey conducted for NETAC. Finally the TCEQ drill rig emission inventory has been added increasing NO_x emissions by ~30 tons/day in the five-county area. These improvements have led to excellent model performance on 4 of 5 high ozone days and meets EPA benchmarks on 23 out of 25 days. The model can be used for SIP attainment demonstration and control strategy development. A model attainment demonstration will be completed that shows future year emissions reductions leading to attainment of the 2008 ozone standard in 2012. A 2012 emission inventory will be developed based on prior TCEQ work and the addition of inventory improvements specific to Northeast Texas. This future year inventory will be used to evaluate local emission changes to a variety of sources. The development of natural gas resources in the Haynesville Shale is likely to increase emissions of ozone precursors including NO_x and VOCs. The effect of this development will be studied to determine the impact on ozone levels. Estimates of future year production for 2009-2020 will be developed on three different scenarios from aggressive to limited development.

5) Overview of 2008 HRVOC/Ozone Analysis

NETAC sponsored a study to measure and analyze the impacts of highly reactive volatile organic compounds (HRVOCs) at the Gregg County monitor (CAMS19) in August-October 2008. A total of 10 out of 64 days monitored showed a high level of HRVOCs. Three of the high ozone days coincided with HRVOC spikes and northerly winds. This would suggest impacts from the Eastman Complex. ENVIRON has further investigated the impact of the Eastman Complex HRVOCs on CAMS19 to determine what quantity of emissions from each source would be required to reproduce the observed HRVOCs at CAMS19. Using Eastman Complex reported emissions, the 2005 emissions would need to be at least doubled to meet the observed level of HRVOCs. ENVIRON will perform high resolution CAMx modeling of the Eastman/CAMS19 local area to see if it is possible to reproduce the observed HRVOC ozone events at CAMS19.

6) Update on Near Nonattainment Area Funding

Jim Mathews discussed the current status of the Near Nonattainment funding request from TCEQ to the Texas Legislature. Three areas have been added to the five areas that have historically received funding for air quality planning activities. An additional \$3

million dollars has also been added to the request as an exceptional item to increase the funding from previous levels.

7) Update on Attainment Status and Designation Process

Governor Perry made his recommendation to EPA for designations in March of this year. The recommendation for Northeast Texas was to designate Gregg, Smith, and Rusk counties nonattainment based on 2006-2008 ozone data. EPA does not take their final action until March of 2010 so they will include the 2009 ozone data in place of 2006. The State will have an additional opportunity to make additional input and have assured that they will do everything they can to utilize the 2007-2009 data for final designations. A repeat of the 2008 ozone data for 2009 would lead to monitored attainment of the new ozone standard.

8) Status Report on Installation of SCR Controls at Luminant's Martin Lake Facilities

Luminant has applied for a permit to install SCR control technologies at the Martin Lake Facility. TCEQ issued a draft permit and a public notice. During the public comment period four entities requested that a contested case hearing be held on the permit. TCEQ must review these comments and must come up with a recommended response of whether or not to grant the requested hearing. A contested case hearing could potentially delay a decision on the permit by at least a year. Final design and engineering will not start until Luminant is granted a permit. The request for the contested hearing came from a group of entities associated with Caddo Lake.

9) Discussion and Approval of Westlake Longview Corporation becoming voting member of Policy Committee

Westlake Longview Corporation has participated as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for approximately the last year. Westlake is one of 3 companies now occupying the "Eastman Complex". The management at Westlake has asked NETAC to become a full voting member of the Policy Committee as well. A motion was made to approved Westlake becoming a member of the Policy Committee and a second was made. The motion was passed without any opposition.

10) Other Business

No other business was discussed.

11) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.