MEETING NOTICE
AIR QUALITY FORUM
Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
MARC Offices, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105

Members and Alternates in Attendance
Angela Markley, UG/WyCo (KS Co-Chair)        Krystal Voth, Leavenworth County P&Z
Allison Smith, KDOT                           Luke Rodriguez, UG Dept of Air Quality
Bob Randolph, MO DNR-APCP                      Mike Boothe, Johnson County DHE
Carol Adams, KCMO EMC                          Richard Blevins, Clay County
Douglas Watson, KDHE                           Richard Rocha, Bayer
Emily Wilbur, MO DNR-APCP                      Rollin Sachs, UG Dept of Air Quality
Jason L. Osterhous, JoCo Commission           Todd Rogers, JCDHE
John Neuberger, Sierra Club                   

Others in Attendance
Amanda Graor, MARC                          Martin Rivarola, MARC
Doug Norsby, MARC                           Brad Loveless, Westar Energy
Marc Hansen, MARC                          Ron Achelpohl, MARC
Tiffany Le, KCBPU                            Christopher Snyder, Siemens
Tom Jacobs, MARC                             Phil Wright, Foley Power Solutions

1. Introductions and Determination of Quorum
Introductions were made. The New Co-Chair, Angela Markley, was introduced. Quorum was present.

2. Approve March Meeting Summaries*
Summaries approved.

3. MDNR Air Pollution Control Program Updates
(Emily Wilbur & Bob Randolph, MO DNR-APCP)

Emily Wilbur provided an update for the red tape reduction project. The governor of Missouri issued an executive order to look at all rules on the books to make sure they are reviewed and needed. There are 580 rules department wide and 98 rules are being rescinded. The air program specifically has 9 rescissions that are currently going through the process. Wilbur provided a quick breakdown of the presentation that withholds all information on the rescissions. They will be working on 11 more rescissions. Also, they are several amendments being moved throughout the process. 17 involve regulatory impact.

Bob Randolph added additional information on the specifics of upcoming rescissions to rules and how to navigate the DNR page to find more information. The goal for all rules to be filed with the state is June 30th.

The slides are available on the DNR website as well.
4. KDHE Bureau of Air Updates  
*(Douglas Watson, KDHE)*

Douglas Watson gave an update on the Flint Hill, Kansas burnings. He gave a presentation on the history of Flint Hills, the reason for burning, how the prairie ecosystem works and where it’s located. In 2010, KDHE started an analysis on the burn scared data and how many acres are burned. On average about 2.3 million acres are burned each year. This data helps guide KDHE through the year.

KDHE is also sponsoring a research project. This project focuses on using ranching tools on tall grass prairie and their impact on air quality. EPA is using a balloon with an instrument package that has air quality tools attached to monitor what pollutants are coming out of the burning. KDHE is collaborating with KSU, NASA and another company with their project. They are attaching ozone monitors and PM monitors to drones to collect air samples to find out what kind of pollutants are coming out of the burning as well.

Mr. Watson showed a video of the drone in action and explained how it works.

The slides are available at the end of this meeting summary.

5. Transportation Updates  
*(Martin Rivarola & Marc Hansen, MARC)*

**Regional Transportation Plan Update (RTP 2050)**

- Martin Rivarola provided updates for the RTP 2050 and transportation programming. Rivarola shared the objectives, task areas, process, needs, feedback and more. The role of the RTP is to establish a regional vision for our transportation system, develop policies and strategies to implement the vision, and identifying regionally significant projects that correspond to the vision. He shared current policy goals and the timeline for updating the next RTP. Also, he shared an update to the previous survey that asked participants about the 10 policy goals of the RTP. There were 820 participants and most responders showed that they thought the transportation goals were being achieved. Transportation choices showed to need more work as well as needed work in access to jobs, and sustainability.

**FY2021-2022 Transportation Programming Update**

- Marc Hansen gave an update on the funding for transportation. CMAQ funds for this year are similar to previous years. The STBG numbers are different as Kansas has more money than Missouri (because of money already counted for via the Buck O’Neil bridge project). The Transportation Alternative Program numbers are similar as well. There were 100 different applications asking for $230 million in funding. Hansen explained how to comment online for all projects submitted for funding. Comments will be accepted until May 4th. Projects are currently being scored by MARC staff and will wrap up in October.
6. Comment Letter Progress  
(Amanda Graor, MARC & Mike Booth, JCDHE)

Amanda Graor reminded everyone of the proposed motion for the comment letter and asked Mike Booth to share more details about going forward with a comment letter to EPA. The committee decided to hold the letter for a future date.

Clean Power Plan comments – After brief discussion, there was a motion to submit Kansas City, Missouri’s comments as the committee’s comments. The motion failed and the committee agreed to abstain from comments on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan.

7. State Rules in Progress

Bob Randolph provided an update on the Jackson County SO2 attainment status. They are going through quality assurance of monitored data and preparing a request for the EPA. They are developing a maintenance plan to handle the switch from coal to natural gas.

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

9. Other Business

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.