



**PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700**  
**Tucson, AZ 85701**

Summary Minutes – May 18, 2011  
Bank of America Building, Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor  
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ  
1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr. Curt Lueck  
Mr. Jeff Yockey  
Mr. Daniel G. Rowe  
Dr. Roger Caldwell  
Mr. Ben Dorris  
Dr. Mark Witten  
Mr. Peter Livingston

Members Absent:

Mr. Allan MacDonald  
Dr. Eric Betterton  
Mr. Warren Thompson

Others Present:

Ursula Kramer, Director, PDEQ  
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director, PDEQ  
Karen Wilhelmsen, Program Manager, PDEQ  
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ  
Lee Comrie, PAG  
Bill Ellett, ADEQ SRO's Acting Director  
Sherri Zendri, SRO Regional Compliance Manager, ADEQ

Note: Some agenda items were heard out of order

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Caldwell called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2011 MINUTES**

Mr. Yockey requested that the text in the second sentence of Section V., Ozone Report, of the January, 2011 minutes be changed from "just over a year ago" to "in 2008".

A motion was made by Mr. Livingston and seconded by Mr. Rowe, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. PDEQ SPRING ACTIVITIES INFO AND MEDLEY OF EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Karen Wilhelmsen, Program Coordinator for PDEQ's Communications Program, provided information about PDEQ's spring activities. She also gave a demonstration of the different types of presentations that the department does in schools and at outreach events to educate youth and the public about environmental issues. Some of the types of free presentations and community activities that Ms. Wilhelmsen provides are:

Awesome Air Story Time (Grades K-3)  
Little Green Riding Hood (Grades K-3)  
Awesome Air and Stomp Rockets (Grades K-6)  
Got Dust? (Grades 4-8)  
Air Jeopardy (Grades 4-12)  
Climate Change Jeopardy (Grades 4-12)  
Eco Jeopardy (Grades 4-12)  
When You Can't Breathe, Nothing Else Matters (Grades 9-12)

Air Jeopardy (Adults)  
Airborne Dust Control (Adults)  
Awesome Air (Adults)  
Climate Change Jeopardy (Adults)  
Day to Day Choices Make a Difference in the Environment (Adults)  
EcoJeopardy (Adults)

Ms. Wilhelmsen used power point slides, and visual aides such as the stomp rocket and the inflatable pig lungs to keep her presentations interesting and to engage her audience.

#### **IV. PDEQ STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Kramer, Director of PDEQ, reported on events occurring since the last EQAC meeting in January, 2011, within each division of PDEQ:

##### *a. Environmental Quality Division*

##### Materion Ceramic Air Quality Permit Renewal

Staff is working on the renewal of Brush Ceramics, now called Materion Ceramic's, air quality permit. Staff expects to issue a completeness determination very soon.

##### Rosemont Copper Mine Permit Application

PDEQ completed its initial technical review of Rosemont Copper Mine's application for a new mine. Staff requested additional information regarding the technical aspects of the mine processes, specifically a written demonstration that includes calculations showing the control efficiencies for the pollution control equipment and the proposed limitations for the various processes can be achieved given the proposed technical and operational design of the operation.

##### ASARCO

PDEQ received the air quality permit renewal application from the ASARCO, LLC, Mission Complex copper mine. Staff is in the process of drafting the new permit. Documents related to the ASARCO, LLC, Mission Complex Air Quality Permit will be placed on PDEQ's webpage page as they become available.

##### ADEQ Delegation Agreement

ADEQ and PDEQ are extending the current delegation agreement until June 2012 or the affective date of the new agreement, whichever is first. The Board of Supervisors approved on May 17 and the amendment has gone to the ADEQ for signature and filing.

##### Senate Bill 1598

Mr. Grimaldi explained that the state legislature passed SB1598, City and County Regulatory Reform. The legislation requires cities, counties and special taxing districts to adhere to a regulatory bill of rights. The County will have to develop specific time frames for any type of approval such as plan review, permits and develop ordinances with those time frames. It also establishes requirements for inspections, such as inspection reports must be given to a facility within 30 days of the inspection, splits of samples collected. It is a fairly substantial change to how cities and counties will do business. PDEQ already operates under timeframes in the delegation agreement with ADEQ so the impact will be minimal to our department. This legislation will be implemented in 2012.

Pima County Budget

The Board of Supervisors tentatively adopted the proposed budget on May 17. Final adoption will be on June 21, 2011.

*b. Solid Waste Division*

Ms. Kramer reported that the SW Division continues to operate the Sahuarita and Tangerine waste sites. Tires are now collected at Tangerine and the contractor picks up tires regularly.

**V. Discussion of Role and Purpose of EQAC for 2011**

Dr. Caldwell, long time EQAC member, suggested in an email to Chair, Warren Thompson, that EQAC review their role and purpose. After discussion at the January meeting, a subcommittee was formed to further explore this issue. Mr. Thompson was not available to attend today's meeting and will report on the subcommittee's progress at the July 20, 2011, EQAC meeting.

**VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dr. Caldwell made a call to the audience.

Ms. Comrie, Pima Association of Governments, reported that PAG has put together an air quality trends poster. Road counts were briefly stopped but are starting up again. PAG is counting vehicles on both paved and dirt roads.

**VII. NEXT EQAC MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

There will be no July meeting due failure to establish a quorum during this month in the past. The next EQAC meeting will be September 21, 2011. Agenda items are:

- EQAC Subcommittee Report – Mr. Thompson
- Five-year Regional Transportation period and environment benefits to ½ sales tax, traffic congestion reduction, etc. Ms. Comrie will provide us with a name of someone from PAG to do a presentation.
- Rosemont Mine Report
- Ozone Report – pending
- Solar

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The EQAC adjourned.