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TO: Mayors and County Judges in the 9 County Air Quality Nonattainment Area
Business Organizations
Environmental Interest Groups

FROM: Mike Eastland *ME*
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Reactivation of and Membership Nominations to the Clean Air Steering
Committee

The North Central Texas Council of Governments plans to reactivate the Clean Air Steering Committee in June 2010. In anticipation of this, the Executive Board has reconstituted its membership and has adopted a set of By-Laws (copy enclosed) to facilitate its conduct of business. These actions have been taken to further strengthen its effectiveness in working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as we seek to improve the air quality in North Texas.

We have enclosed a form which you can use to submit candidates for membership on the Steering Committee or on a subcommittee. Please make sure that the people whom you recommend for consideration have a high interest level in air quality issues and that they can commit four to five hours per month, on average, to attend meetings.

The committee and its subcommittees will have the opportunity to help this region to not only continue the progress made in cleaning its air, but, hopefully, to speed up the process in several ways. We must accelerate the pace at which local governments, businesses and citizens in the region are reducing emissions by driving less and operating cleaner cars, trucks, construction equipment and locomotives. This type of initiative is vital since more than 70% of our air quality problems result from these mobile pollution sources. We also need to expedite the wide spread adoption of codes and practices which will help lower the use of electricity through conservation efforts and the increased use of green building technology.

In addition, it is becoming more and more apparent that no matter how far reaching and dramatic the actions that we might take to clean up our sources of pollution, it will be necessary for other areas of the state and nation to take similar actions if we are to meet the even tougher standard now being considered by EPA. Advances in the scientific knowledge relating to air chemistry, the affects of differing meteorological conditions and the movement of ozone causing pollutants through wind transport indicate that pollution sources outside of our region aggravate our air quality problems just as our sources do to other regions. Thus, we need to be part of an educational initiative to assist in informing state and national policy officials of the need for a more comprehensive and coordinated approach in dealing with a very complicated air quality problem.

Again, we invite and encourage you to suggest names of persons who would make a real contribution to the work of the Steering Committee and/or a subcommittee. Committee membership eligibility is noted on the first page of the By-Laws. Since we will likely not be able to place all nominees on the full committee, we encourage them to consider serving on one of the subcommittees. If your nominee would accept a subcommittee assignment, please indicate their particular interest(s) on the nominating form.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please return the enclosed nomination form by May 20, 2010 to:

Mike Eastland
PO Box 5888
Arlington, Texas 76005-5888
Or email to: scecil@nctcog.org

NOMINATION FORM

**North Central Texas Council of Governments
Clean Air Steering Committee**

Full Committee

The Collin County, nominates Keith Self
(government/organization) (name of person)

for consideration to serve on the Clean Air Steering Committee representing the category of:

Elected County Official (County Judge or Commissioner)

Elected City Official (Mayor or Councilmember)

Business Executive

Environmental Interest

Subcommittee

(Please note: a person nominated for the full committee may also be nominated to serve on a subcommittee.)

Our nominee will accept an assignment to the following subcommittee:

Promoting the development and use of clean engine technology and the reduction of vehicle miles traveled

Promoting the adoption and implementation of energy efficiency and green building codes and techniques

Promoting the adoption of clean construction practices

Promoting the use of clean technology and operations by business and industry

Please return this nomination form by May 20, 2010 by mail or fax:

**Mike Eastland
PO Box 5888
Arlington, Texas 76005-5888
Fax: 817-704-2543
(no cover sheet is needed)**

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CLEAN AIR STEERING COMMITTEE BY-LAWS**

(Amended by NCTCOG Executive Board on December 17, 2009)

PURPOSE:

1. Recommending strategies in order to attain and maintain federal, health-based, ambient air quality standards in North Central Texas.
2. Assuring that the region's local governments, businesses and other affected interest groups have a voice in recommending and advocating for the various control measures that are to be considered and finally implemented by TCEQ to achieve compliance of the health-based standards.
3. Endorsing and promoting the implementation of the finally adopted control strategies by businesses, local governments and individuals within the region.
4. Providing education on and promoting the implementation of reasonable and effective emission reduction strategies that are in addition to the control measures officially adopted by TCEQ and approved by the EPA.

MEMBERSHIP:

The committee shall be comprised of the following members:

1. Five elected policy officials representing county governments within the region's designated non-attainment area.
2. Six elected policy officials representing city governments within the region's designated non-attainment area.
3. Three executive level business persons representing businesses and/or business organizations within the region's non-attainment area.
4. Three people representing environmental interests with at least one being a citizen within the region's designated non-attainment area.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY:

NCTCOG Executive Board.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Two (2) years.

OFFICERS:

1. There shall be a Chair and a Co-Chair.
2. The officers shall be elected policy officials from the committee.
3. The officers shall be elected by the committee.
4. The officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term in the month of September.

VOTING PRIVILEGES:

Only an officially appointed member, present at a meeting, may vote on any item of business considered by the committee.

QUORUM:

Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

SUBCOMMITTEES/TASK FORCES:

The committee may create subcommittees and task forces to study or otherwise consider issues of interest to the committee. Members of subcommittees and task forces shall be appointed based on criteria such as experience with and/or expertise in the subject matter. A subcommittee or task force member need not be a member of the committee.

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