

CCFC Core Stakeholder Meeting
November 16, 2006
9:00 – 10:00 am



ATTENDEES:

Tim Whitesides
David Friday
Art Szmuriga
Jim Burke
Grady Truett
Rod Trump
Jason Wager
Sarah Niess

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

NC Biofuel Project

Jason reviewed the program being undertaken by the NC Strategic Plan for Biofuels Leadership. This is a legislatively initiated project to develop a strategic biofuels plan for the entire state. The group is seeking comments from folks by November 28th. At this time, it is not clear whether there will be a future opportunity to comment in this process. Please copy Jason or Sarah on any comments that stakeholders submit.

Upcoming Events:

- April 18th: Refueling NC Conference in Greensboro
 - Keynote speaker
 - Asked stakeholders if anyone would like to speak or for ideas for the conference:
 - CCFC: tell the story of what the coalition has accomplished over the last 3 years (i.e. Where we have been and where going in region)
 - Panel from region: Gaston County Schools (Grady); Thomas Petroleum;
 - Regional Visioning Project
 - Clear the Air for Kids – physician from Asheville
 - City of CLT close to adopting environmental principles – Environmental Committee – could highlight local gov't initiatives in a panel discussion
 - Manufacturers – downdraft tube source of in-cabin emissions; Cummings – new technology for 2007
- Reviewed other events/conferences going on around state and nationally
- Ideas for workshops:
 - confusion re: availability of delivery of biofuels; retail stations are not widely known; players in fuel distribution;

- Still questions about the Nox and biodiesel?
- Pricing fluctuation of biodiesel – pricing over the course of the last year v. diesel (CLT would be interested in fuel if had this information)
- Ethanol distribution – lack of public availability
- Gaston County: GEM's garage is near Grady's pump (testing at Gaston College, can be done at UNCC); some interest from Gastonia; Chamber also looking at environmental issues

ROUNDTABLE

- QNRC: in process of establishing goals for next year – alt. fuels outside the three main committees (Sarah to send goals that sent to CLT Environmental Committee); interest in biodiesel spread throughout County agencies (Grady spoke to Ray Maxwell about this – getting more oil from Lance)
- York Tech: Grant with Rock Hill – putting DOCs on 47 off-road vehicles (Donaldson) – issue that every piece of equipment is different. E85 grant from SC SEO for Rock Hill but unsure given UL issues. Odyssey Day 2006 – some interest from school board about producing own biodiesel. Rod also interested in knowing whether anyone has emissions testing equipment
- Ray Thomas: GC Landfill project – thinking about expanding to on-road. Participated in State Fair and had a lot of interest. Company interested in doing more community events. In January, going to India to speak about biodiesel production with private sector.
- UL Issue: Jason to forward notes from Chicago meeting on issue.
- Duke: Participated in Odyssey Day; Currently Duke uses 95,000 gallons of B-20 per year to comply with EPEAT. Will be getting a pass through of tax credits which may make B-20 less expensive and therefore provide an economic incentive to use biodiesel. Three hybrid Escapes – may be looking into converting one into a plug-in. Three hybrid utility trucks – will be circulating data collected from in-use study of vehicles. Art is retiring on 11/30 and will have Mike Allison as point person going forward.
- GCS: Stalled on building – waiting on inspections. Changed how washing fuel. Storage capacity – using tanks at schools to store heating oil.
- David Friday/Charlotte: Charlotte is nearing another purchase of hybrid vehicles – some discussion of whether LG have been able to take advantage of tax credits by having dealers pass credit along to LG in terms of purchase price. Jason to get David in touch with Mike Keziah on this issue. David announced that he was retiring from the City on 11/30. As of yet there is no replacement person to contact.