

UGRB Air Quality Citizens Advisory Task Force

Meeting Summary

February 21, 2012

5:00 – 8:00pm

Sublette County Library, Pinedale, WY

Draft for Review

Approved 03/08/12

Task Force Members Present:

John Anderson, Sublette County Resident
 Craig Brown, QEP Resources (by teleconference)
 Kent Connelly, Lincoln County
 John Corra, WY Dept. of Environmental Quality
 Shane Deforest, Bureau of Land Management
 Steve Dietrich, WY Dept. of Environmental Quality
 David Hohl, Town of Pinedale
 Wally Johnson, Sweetwater County
 Thomas Johnston, Sublette County
 Carmel Kail Sublette, County Resident
 Stephanie Kessler, Wilderness Society
 Cally McKee, Ultra Petroleum
 Tom Monahan, Exxon Mobil (by teleconference)
 Cortnie Morrell, Williams Company
 Andy Nelson, Sublette County

Bruce Pendery, Wyoming Outdoor Council
 Jeremiah Rieman, Office of the Governor
 Jim Robinson, Town of Marbelton
 Isabel Rucker, Sublette County Resident
 Mike Shaffron, Encana Oil and Gas
 Terry Svalberg, US Forest Service
 Hank Williams, Sublette County Resident
 Angela Zivkovich, Shell Exploration & Production

Alternates:

Joel Bousman, Sublette County
 Mary Lynn Worl, CURED

Facilitators:

Steve Smutko, UW Ruckelshaus Institute
 Elizabeth Spaulding, UW Ruckelshaus Institute

Agenda:

1. Welcome, Purpose, & Introductions
2. Agenda Review, Process and Ground Rules
3. Review of Status & Activities Related to UGRB Air Quality
4. Stakeholder Assessment and Process Plan
5. Charter Review and Discussion
6. Next Steps
 - Review of Summary Points
 - Meeting format & time (meals, etc.)
 - Calendar for next meetings

Handouts:

1. Task Force Contact Information (in binder)
2. Situation Assessment and Process Recommendations (in binder)
3. Group Charter Draft 2.0 (in binder)
4. Upper Green River Basin Ozone, copy of Powerpoint presentation by Darla J. Potter, WDEQ-AQD

Presentations Given:

1. *Upper Green River Basin Ozone*, presentation by Darla J. Potter, WDEQ-AQD
2. *Situation Assessment and Process Recommendations*, presentation by Elizabeth Spaulding and Steve Smutko, UW Ruckelshaus Institute

Action Items:

1. The Task Force reviewed and made changes to the draft charter. Will continue with the charter at the next meeting.

Summary Points:

1. Members of the Task Force were introduced.
2. The purpose of the Task Force is to consider and advise on potential solutions to reduce ozone.
3. The focus of the Task Force is ozone reduction in the Proposed Ozone Nonattainment Area of Sublette County and parts of Sweetwater and Lincoln counties.
4. The Task Force is an advisory group convened by the WDEQ, which may accept any, all, or none of the Task Force recommendations.

5. The Task Force may choose to recommend solutions outside the scope of WDEQ's authority.
6. The Task Force has committed to meet three more times. If progress is made after these three meetings, then the task force and WDEQ may choose to continue meeting.
7. The Situation Assessment revealed that task force participants are concerned with a broad spectrum of air quality issues, primarily related to ozone levels. Task Force members identified a range of solutions and barriers existing with regard to these issues. They also identified potential barriers to collaboration on air quality issues in the UGRB area, as well as ways to overcome these barriers.

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I. Welcome, Purpose, & Introductions

- A. John Corra opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and leading introductions around the table.
- B. John stated the Task Force's purpose is to consider and advise on potential solutions to reduce ozone in the Upper Green River Basin Area. He also stated that the Task Force does not have an oversight role, nor is it the Task Force's responsibility to "solve" the ozone problem. Instead, the Task Force is to provide feedback to DEQ when requested, and help to generate recommendations that reflect the desires and values of the constituencies that the members represent.

II. Agenda Review, Process and Ground Rules

- A. Elizabeth Spaulding reviewed the agenda for the evening, as well as the goals for the meeting.
- B. Elizabeth covered the ground rules for engaging in dialogue throughout the meeting, as well as logistical information pertaining to the Task Force binder and access to information in the future.

III. Review of Status & Activities Related to UGRB Air Quality

- A. Darla Potter gave a presentation providing a brief overview of the WDEQ's research and current efforts to understand ozone formation in the Upper Green River Basin area. The power points from this presentation can be found on the Ruckelshaus Institute website at <http://www.uwyo.edu/enr/ruckelshaus-institute/collaborative-decision-making/ugrb-air-quality-task-force.html>, as well as WDEQ's website at http://deq.state.wy.us/aqd/Ozone_Taskforce.asp.
- B. Members of the Task Force asked several questions pertaining to the presentation regarding particular monitoring locations and what the Environmental Protection Agency may have to offer as far as useful tools.

IV. Stakeholder Assessment and Process Plan

- A. Elizabeth presented a brief overview of the Situation Assessment that was created from the interviews conducted with Task Force participants. Topics covered in the Situation Assessment included priorities and expectations of the potential task force members, information and logistical needs, and willingness to participate on the task force. A copy of the full Situation Assessment, as well as the associated power point presentation, can be found at the Ruckelshaus Institute's website at <http://www.uwyo.edu/enr/ruckelshaus-institute/collaborative-decision-making/ugrb-air-quality-task-force.html>, as well as the WDEQ's website at http://deq.state.wy.us/aqd/Ozone_Taskforce.asp.
- B. Steve Smutko reviewed the "recommended actions" for the Task Force, which can be found at the conclusion of the Situation Assessment. These recommendations include:
 - Engage in Joint Fact Finding
 - Formulate a Problem-Solving Process
 - Improve Communication and Trust
 - Generate Creative Ideas
 - Communicate with Constituents

Steve explained the process through which the Ruckelshaus Institute plans to assist the Task Force to achieve these recommendations.

- C. Questions from the Task Force included whether this particular group of individuals had the necessary expertise to be effective, as well as what, exactly, the desired outcomes are. The question regarding the

expertise of the Task Force generated a lot of discussion. Generally, Task Force members felt that their participation as citizens, industry representatives, and local government officials will provide feedback and recommendations to DEQ on many aspects of the ozone problem that DEQ cannot fully address. The desired outcomes of the Task Force are creative solutions to ozone issues through analysis of the available research and input from their constituency groups.

V. Charter Review and Discussion

- A. Elizabeth began the process of reviewing the draft charter with the participants. The Task Force discussed Sections 1 through 7 of the charter. There were concerns from several participants that the scope of the Task Force's objectives was too broad under Section 3, "Authority of the Task Force," while others felt current language allowed the group to pursue potentially beneficial actions that the WDEQ could not support. There was also discussion over the appropriate terminology of what the Task Force will be working to solve – whether that be air quality issues, emissions, or ozone precursors. It was determined that the task force will begin to first work toward addressing ozone specifically.
- B. The Task Force will continue to review the charter at the next meeting. The Ruckelshaus Institute will prepare another draft that reflects the discussion to date.

VI. Next Steps

- A. The Task Force determined that Pinedale was the appropriate location to meet. There was some discussion whether the five to eight p.m. time slot would allow sufficient opportunity for accomplishing objectives. The Task Force decided the next two meetings will continue in the same time slot, but that participants can later decide if they would prefer a longer meeting later, perhaps on a Saturday. A doodle calendar will be sent out to the Task Force participants to determine the date of the March meeting.
- B. The Task Force agreed that at future meetings, public comment will be allowed between agenda items.

Next Meeting

Date: March, 2012

Time: 5:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Sublette County Library, Pinedale, Wyoming

Draft Agenda:

1. Complete the review and revision of the Draft Task Force Charter.
2. Begin evaluating available research and data on ozone in the UGRB area through the process of joint fact finding.