

**Wasatch Front Regional Council  
Air Quality Committee  
Meeting Summary – February 25, 2009**

Attending: Committee Members  
Mayor Ralph Becker, SLC  
Jerry Benson, UTA  
Kip Billings, WFRC  
Chuck Chappell, WFRC  
Cheryl Heying, UDAQ  
Ahmad Jaber, UDOT  
Commissioner John Petroff, Davis Co.  
Commissioner Jan Zogmaister, Weber Co.

Others  
Elden Bingham, UDOT  
Darrell Cook, MAG  
Susan Hardy, MAG  
Doug Hattery, WFRC  
Kathy VanDame, WCAC  
Rick McKeague, UDAQ  
Renee Zollinger, SLC  
Wilf Sommerkorn, SLC  
Bill Reiss, UDAQ

Summary

**Air Quality Committees & Responsibilities Matrix** - Prior to the first public meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council Air Quality Committee (AQC), members of the committee had met in a “brainstorming” session to identify the various air quality groups active in the Wasatch Front region and what their specific roles and responsibilities are. Kip Billings distributed a matrix of air quality agencies and their responsibilities. The purpose of this matrix was to help define a role for the AQC that was appropriate to the jurisdiction of the AQC and did not excessively overlap with other functioning air quality groups.

**Purpose Statement** - After review and discussion of the matrix, Mayor Becker lead a discussion to draft a purpose statement for the AQC. Some of the ideas for a purpose statement included: educating the Council on changing air quality regulations, exploring the air quality benefits of alternate modes of transportation, identify performance measures, research impacts of greenhouse gas reductions, building codes, focus on transportation impacts to air quality, public information on air quality issues, meeting transportation conformity requirements, being pro-active in addressing public air quality concerns, and alleviating congestion to improve air quality.

A draft purpose statement will be compiled by WFRC staff and distributed to the Committee for review and approval at the next AQC meeting.

**PM<sub>2.5</sub> Designation** – Bill Reiss of UDAQ reported on the status of EPA’s non-attainment area designations for PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions. The recommended PM<sub>2.5</sub> non-attainment area includes Salt Lake,

Davis, and Weber Counties and portions of Tooele and Box Elder Counties. Final and official designation from EPA is expected in April 2009. Meanwhile, UDAQ is working with WFRC, UDOT, MAG, and other air quality stakeholders to develop a SIP for controlling PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions.

**Future AQC Meetings** – It was determined that the AQC would meet about every quarter with the next meeting in May.