



Air Quality News

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Clean Air Partnership Up and Running

Since the kick-off of the CAP in late September, we have had ten partners sign up to work towards cleaner air in the Bi-State Region. We would like to thank these regional leaders:

- ◆ City of Moline, IL
- ◆ City of Muscatine, IA
- ◆ City of Bettendorf, IA
- ◆ Scott County, IA
- ◆ Muscatine County, IA
- ◆ John Deere & Co.
- ◆ Edwards Congregation UCC (Davenport)
- ◆ St. John's Lutheran (Rock Island)
- ◆ Chuck Oestreich, QCTAG
- ◆ Joe Whitely, Citizen

We hope to at least double this number by next quarter. So please spread the word that "it all adds up to cleaner air."

Partner Stats and Recognitions

- ◆ 80% of Partners already offer direct deposit and offer e-commerce or e-government.
- ◆ One third of CAP Partners pledge to offer "Smart Driving" education to their employees or members.
- ◆ 60% of Partners are currently performing energy or lighting audits and have implemented recycling programs.
- ◆ Over one third of Partners keep it in the community and buy local products to reduce transportation emissions.

Special Recognition to:

- ◆ John Deere & Co. for pledging to create an emission reduction plan!
- ◆ City of Bettendorf for offering transit pass subsidies!

Latest Air Quality Events and Legislation

Iowa Events

The Iowa DNR Air Quality Bureau has recorded three air quality events in the Bi-State Region since September of 2009.

The first was recorded on November 24th, where fine particulate rose to “unhealthy” levels in Clinton, Davenport and Muscatine Counties. The threshold is set at 35 micrograms per cubic meter. Particulate levels were measured at 37, 33 and 36 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) in Clinton, Davenport, and Muscatine respectively.

The second event occurred on De-

ember 18th. Elevated fine particulate levels were measured in Black Hawk ($38 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), Montgomery ($45 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) Palo Alto ($49 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and Polk Counties ($39 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

The most recent report was on December 22nd, indicating that fine particulate levels had continued to be “unhealthy” since the December 18th event. December 21st saw levels at $36 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Davenport and $37 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Black Hawk Foundry. Fine particulates reached $64 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Garfield School in Muscatine on December 22nd.

Legislative Update

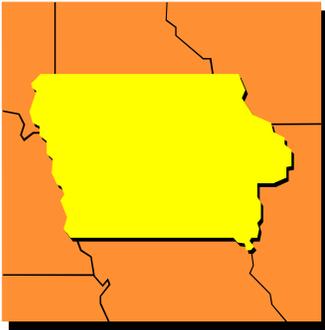
EPA Finalizes Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson signed EPA’s Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule September 22, 2009. The rule will become final 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register. Under the rule, suppliers of fossil fuels or industrial greenhouse gases, manufacturers of vehicles and engines, and facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents ($\text{mtCO}_2 \text{e}$) or more per year are required to submit annual reports to EPA.

EPA to Reconsider 2008 Ozone Standard

The Environmental Protection Agency announced it would reconsider its 2008 decision setting national standards for ground-level ozone. EPA is reconsidering the standards to ensure they are clearly grounded in science, protect public health with an adequate margin of safety, and are sufficient to protect the environment. The current standard is set at 0.075 parts per million (ppm). The EPA has set a timeline of having the proposed standards out in December 2009 and having finalized standards by August 2010.

EPA ozone standards set in 2008 to be reviewed and finalized by August 2010.

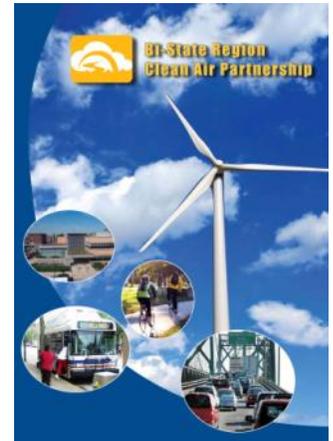


ICAAP Activities

Transportation Alternatives and Air Quality Summit

The Summit, held on September 29-30, 2009, was the kick-off event for the Clean Air Partnership. There were 55 attendees from government, business and industry, and non-profits. Many topics were covered including green fleets, alternative transportation, green buildings and air quality science and regulation. On September 30th, officials

shared with attendees the efforts local governments have been taking to improve air quality in the region and signed a pledge board to commit to supporting the partnership. Bi-State would like to thank all who attended this momentous event with a special thanks to the speakers and local officials.



Iowa Transit Training

On November 19, 2009, Bi-State Regional Commission, in cooperation with local transit systems, hosted a "Transit Training Day" to educate human service agencies and employers on how to use public transportation in the Quad Cities. Nineteen attendees received comprehensive training on local transit options and their impact on improving air quality in the region. At the conclusion of the workshop, at-

tendees provided input for transit planning initiatives and utilized their new transit skills by taking a bus ride along the Mississippi River. Agencies and employers interested in the Spring 2010 Transit Training Workshop can contact Chelsey Waterman by phone at (309) 793-6300 or by e-mail at cwaterman@bistateonline.org for more information.

Spring Transit Training in the Illinois Quad Cities to be held in March

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **March 2010-** Spring Transit Training in Illinois Quad Cities (Exact date and location TBA)
- ◆ **March 15 - 18, 2010-** 2010 Air Quality Conference (Raleigh, NC)
Go to www.airnow.gov for more details





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Clean Air Partnership Pledge

The Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership supports and promotes cleaner air by seeking out and implementing cost effective solutions that benefit cleaner air-fuel efficiency, cleaner fuels/vehicles, alternative transportation, trip reduction, environmentally friendly purchasing, alternative energy, and energy efficiency and conservation. Each commitment reduces ground level ozone and particulate matter regionally and contrib-

Resources on the Web

Don't forget that we are putting up resources on the web to help partners meet their pledge goals. Here are just a few helpful tools:

[Energy Star for Local Governments](#)- This website offers tools for local governments to become more energy efficient

[Best Workplaces for Commuters](#)- This website for employers and employees offers tools and recognition for implementation of alternative transportation advocacy.

Check out http://www.bistateonline.org/ser/env/bis_res.shtml for more resources.

