



**Minutes of Advisory Committee on  
Control of Emissions from Motor Vehicles**

Held on April 08, 2009 at 10:00 am

*by* Videoconference *from the* Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 901 South Stewart St. Carson City, NV. 89701  
*to the* Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Red Rock Conference Room, 2030 E. Flamingo Rd. Ste. 230, Las Vegas, NV. 89119

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**THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING  
LOCATIONS ON APRIL 01, 2009.**

Department of Motor Vehicles 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV. 89711	Nevada State Library 100 N. Stewart St. Carson City, NV. 89701	Department of Motor Vehicles 2701 E. Sahara Las Vegas, NV. 89104	Clark County Department of Air Quality Management 500 Grand Central Pkwy Las Vegas, NV. 89106
Department of Motor Vehicles 305 Galletti Way Reno, NV. 89512	Washoe County District Health Department 1001 E. 9 <sup>th</sup> St. Reno, NV. 89512	Department of Motor Vehicles Website <a href="http://www.dmvnv.com">www.dmvnv.com</a>	

**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

- A. Chairman Sig Jaunarajs called to order the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Control of Emissions from Motor Vehicles at 10:04 am.
- B. Committee introductions were followed by introductions of the general public.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Daniel Inouye, WC-AQMD
- Dennis Ransel, CC/DAQEM
- Glenn Smith, DMV/CED
- John Pietrzycki, DMV/CED
- Lloyd Nelson, DMV/CED
- Randy White, CC-DAQEM
- Rebecca Cripe, NDEP/BAQP
- Sig Jaunarajs, NDEP-BAQP - Chairman
- William Striejewske, NDOA

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Andy Goodrich, WC-AQMD  
Dennis Taylor, NDOT  
John Koswan, CC/DAQEM  
Leif Anderson, NDOT  
Michael Elges, NDEP/BAQP  
Ralph Felices, DMV/CED  
Robert Tekniepe, Ph.D., CC/DAQEM  
Roxanne Johnson, USEPA – Ex-Officio  
Shannon Rudolph, NDOA  
VACANT, TMRP  
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**INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Allan Lal, DMV/CED  
Debbie Shope, DMV/CED  
Jeffrey Buss, USEPA  
Paul Williams, NDEP/BAQP  
Troy Dillard, DMV/CED

**2. Approval of Agenda Order**

A. The agenda was approved in the order it was prepared.

**3. Approval of Minutes from 01/21/09 Advisory Meeting**

A. The Chairman opened up the January 21, 2009 meeting minutes for discussion, comment and approval. The Committee approved the minutes without any changes.

**4. Pollution Control Account Update**

- A. Troy Dillard with the DMV informed the Committee that the pollution control account still continues to increase 1.8% in revenue over last fiscal year despite the economic downturn.
- B. During Special Session the Legislature passed a law which affected the pollution control account. The law passed was the allowance of a one time sweep of the reserve balance of the fund in the amount of up to \$1,000,000.00. This sweep is going to take the reserve down to the mandatory carry forward amount of \$1,000,000.00 which is required by law for next year. As a result of this action there is now funding available for those agencies that were cut in the governor's initial budget, however no excess reserves are available for grant applications this year.
- C. The Department's Vehicle Information Database (VID) received full support by the Committee, however there was some concern expressed by the two counties that apply

for grants from the pollution control account reserves on the amount estimated by the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) for operating costs. The estimated cost predicated by DOIT was \$300,000.00 on an annual basis. The DMV felt that the estimate was not realistic and felt that the cost would be no more than \$50,000.00. The Department is relieved to report to the Committee that the actual operating costs are \$12,000.00 a year.

## **5. Legislative Updates**

- A. AB414 – Provides for a voluntary program of electronic submission of emissions information to the DMV through the use of onboard diagnostic and transmission equipment. It also provides for the establishment of standards for emissions from a trimobile. It further revises provisions relating to the emissions inspections of certain heavy-duty diesel vehicles by the Department. Troy informed the Committee that this bill passed out of the Assembly, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Committee on March 30, and went to the Assembly Ways and Means. The Hearing with the Assembly Ways and Means was held this morning and it is the Department's assumption that it will move forward to the floor.
- B. SB332 –Revises provisions governing the use of alternative fuels and clean vehicles by fleets owned, operated or leased by certain state agencies and local governing bodies. SB332 further requires the Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration to adopt a policy concerning the approval of the purchase or lease of a vehicle by a state agency. Sig with NDEP stated that a report was requested and provided with some recommendations of changes needed to the program. The bill was heard by the Senate Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee on March 23, where some amendments were proposed by Sig. As a result, the bill was amended and did pass. There is still a problem with the DMV fleets pertaining to the definition of fleet. Language was added but it did not define fleets. Troy suggested further clarifying the definition in regulation and policy rather than statute. Sig agreed with the suggestion however he feels that there should be a clear definition in Statute that defines what a fleet is with further clarification given in regulation.
- C. AB396 – Authorizing the optional registration of vehicles for a 2-year period is a bill that was sponsored by Assemblywomen Heidi Gansert. There are millions of dollars that will be impacted by this bill, the least of which is the pollution control account. Troy Dillard with the DMV attended a meeting to discuss this bill with the Assemblywoman and she is aware of what the issues are with this bill. The Assemblywoman's intent behind this bill was to help overcome some of the revenue problems in the State as a whole, however due to the way budgets are designed this method will not accomplish it. This bill is currently listed as exempt, but it was Troy's impression that the Assemblywoman is not going to push it further.
- D. SB327 – Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to provide certain incentives for investments in advanced travel center electrification systems and systems for recharging plug-in electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

- E. SJR9 – Urges Congress to revise certain provisions of federal law relating to hybrid vehicles. This bill is requesting that hybrids qualify under the Energy Policy Act.
  
- F. SB394 – Requires certain owners of off-highway vehicles to obtain certificates of title and registration for those vehicles; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge and collect certain fees; creating the fund for Off-Highway Vehicles; creating the Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles; eliminating the requirement that certain persons obtain certificates of operation before operating off-highway vehicles; making various other changes relating to off-highway vehicles. This bill passed out of the Senate Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee on April 07, with a 50 page amendment from the DMV. The amendment addresses the authorization to regulate dealers who sell off-road vehicles. It changes the structure of the program to either electronic or mail based. It prescribes dealers to perform all VIN inspections; it covers electronic transfer of data for proof of ownership and sales, and the collection of registration and title fees. It would eliminate some of the current administrative fines due to the lack of infrastructure. It is the opinion of the Department that this bill will be passed.

## **6. Public Comments**

No comments.

## **7. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

- A. The next meeting will be held through videoconference on Wednesday, July 08, 2009 at 10:00 am. Sig Jaunarajs will secure the NDOT meeting locations.
  
- B. The Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.