



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

Held on February 12, 2008 at 1:00 pm

At the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, Emissions Training Center  
2701 E. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV. 89111-5000

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**THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING  
LOCATIONS ON FEBRUARY 01, 2008.**

DMV 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	DMV 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 1:04 pm.
- B. Committee introductions took place along with the public that was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Andy Goodrich, WC-AQMD  
Dennis Ransel, CC-DAQEM  
Dennis Taylor, NDOT  
John Pietrzycki, DMV/CED  
Lloyd Nelson, DMV/CED  
Randy White, CC-DAQEM  
Robert Tekniepe, Ph.D., CC-DAQEM  
Roxanne Johnson, USEPA – Ex-Officio – Teleconferenced  
Sig Jaunarajs, NDEP-BAQP - Chairman  
Steven Grabski, NDOA

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Daniel Inouye, WC-AQMD  
Glenn Smith, DMV/CED  
John Koswan, CC-DAQEM  
Leif Anderson, NDOT  
Michael Elges, NDEP-BAQP  
Ralph Felices, DMV/CED  
Rebecca Cripe, NDEP-BAQP  
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Vernon Miller, NDOA

**INTERESTED PARTIES:**

David Walch, NDOA - Weights & Measure  
Debbie Shope, DMV/CED  
John Oertel, Nevada Emission Inspector  
Ronald Levine, NMTA  
Russ Lucas, Jiffy Smog  
Shannon Rudolph, NDOA

**2. Approval of Agenda Order**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes from 07/12/2007.**

A. Chairman opened the July 12, 2007 meeting minutes for discussion, comment and approval. The Committee approved the minutes with the following requested amendments:

- Page 7 (11A) change the spelling of “to” to “too.”
- Page 7 (11A) change the spelling of “manufactures” to “manufacturer’s.”

**4. Approval of Minutes from 10/30/07**

A. Chairman opened the October 30, 2007 meeting minutes for discussion, comment and approval. The Committee approved the minutes with the following requested amendments:

- Page 5 (7) change the spelling of “Siguard” to “Sigurd.”

**5. Request for Re-Allocation and Revised Project List of Washoe County’s FY08 Excess Reserve Grant.**

- A. Andy Goodrich with the Washoe County District Health Department, Air Quality Management Division presented the Committee with their request for reallocation of FY2008 excess reserve funds. Changes in the request are as follows: (*Washoe County's request outline for reallocation of funds is retained as Attachment A with the Main file*)
- Delay implementation of the woodstove/fireplace rebate program due to poor public response.
  - Relocation of the AQMD office and laboratory. Additional funds will need to be reallocated for the purchase of replacement laboratory equipment.
  - AQMD's Public Outreach Officer has left the agency. AQMD would like to significantly reduce the public outreach efforts for FY08/09. AQMD has requested a reduction in the allocated funds for this project.
  - *Add Project:* Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projects
  - *Add Project:* SIP PM10 for residential wood combustion activity survey.
- B. Sig with NDEP noted that all of the reallocation projects requested by Washoe County pertain to Air Quality Projects as required by Statute.
- C. The Committee voted in support of Washoe County's request for reallocation of FY08 Excess Reserve Grant Funds. Sig will forward a recommendation on behalf of the Committee to the DMV.

## **6. I/M SIP Revision**

- A. Sig with NDEP informed the Committee that on January 7<sup>th</sup> EPA published in the Federal Register proposed rules pertaining to Washoe County. The publication has three components.
- ◆ Approval of the submitted revised State Implementation Plan related to the I/M Program in Washoe County.
  - ◆ Approve Nevada's request to re-designate Truckee Meadows Carbon Monoxide "Non-Attainment" area to "Attainment." (After approval Washoe County plans to still continue the I/M Program as a maintenance measure.)
  - ◆ Rescind a provision previously approved in error related to the inspection and maintenance of vehicles operated on military installations. There is a clause in the Clean Air Act that does allow EPA to do this.
- B. EPA is proposing to amend a portion of the I/M SIP's pertaining to the inspection and maintenance of Federal installations. The issue is, does a "State Program" have the authority to make "Federal Agencies" emission check their vehicles. Currently, this is a requirement of NAC and County I/M SIP's. The Counties are confused by EPA's proposal and are awaiting the final rule.

## **7. Pollution Control Account Update**

- A. Lloyd Nelson with the DMV informed the Counties that as of January 21<sup>st</sup> the Pollution Control Fund was 3% more than last fiscal year. The Account is just shy of 5 million in revenue.

- Q. Andy – Lloyd Will we be receiving our letters on the actual amount we are able to apply for?
- A. Lloyd – Yes Andy. We have been working with the budget analyst this week, so you should be receiving that notification any day.
- Q. Andy – So what I am hearing is that it is not less, but actually a little better than last year?
- A. Lloyd – It is about 3% as of 01/21/08.

## **8. Discussion of Progress Reports Related to any Funding Received from the Pollution Control Account**

- A. Lloyd Nelson with the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles informed the Committee that they were recently audited by the internal auditing unit within the Nevada DMV pertaining to recording and maintaining process of grant reports. Also included in this audit was Washoe County and Clark County. The Emission Control Program within the DMV has received their outcome of the audit outlining their strength and weaknesses along with recommendations. One of recommendations is to amend regulations within NAC with regards to recording of funds. Lloyd created a flow chart and provided a copy to the members of the Committee covering the NAC's the Department is considering to amend. The process under Department consideration is: *(The Departments outline is retained as Attachment B with the Main file)*
- Six month reporting for reserve grants
  - Review of reports by the DMV emission Control Section, cover letter drafted for each grant and package is then forwarded to I/M Committee Chairman for review at the next meeting.
  - The I/M Committee will review and discuss the grant report and either approve or reject it.
    - If Rejected: The report will be sent back to the County for a redo.
    - If Approved: The report is forwarded onto LCB & IFC.
- Q. Robert – The dedicated funding is a report that is required on an annual basis and the amount of those grants are for larger amounts than that of the reserve grants. I agree that quarterly reporting is too often for the reserve grants but I also think that twice a year is also too often. Would it be possible to request that the reserve grant funds be reported on an annual basis and then it would be consistent with the dedicated fund reports?
  - A. Lloyd – That is a suggestion that I can take back to the Administration at the DMV.
  - Q. Robert – The detail of the reports is my second question. May I assume that the DMV will give guidance as to what should be contained in the report? Would this be added to NAC?
  - A. Lloyd – Yes. Currently some of these guidelines are already in NAC.

- B. The Committee suggested that this agenda item be put on hold until the Counties have received a copy of the outcome of audits. Once the Counties have had the opportunity to review and evaluate the reports a subcommittee containing the bodies of the Governments and Counties will be brought together to come up with some recommendations. Those recommendations will then be brought back to the Committee for evaluation.

## 9. Public Comments

- A. Russ Lucas the owner of Jiffy Smog currently has 14 stations on the new DMV VID. His business averages in close to 400 emission tests a day. One issue that the stations are reporting is with rejected tests. This process is new to the stations. In the past the protocol was pass or fail. Now there is pass, fail or reject. Jiffy Smog is averaging close to 20 rejects a day. The station feels that this is leading to a serious problem with customer relations. Not only is the station wasting their time performing the entire test they are charging the customer for a test that gives them no results. Russ would like for the Committee to consider this issue. Ideally, he would suggest that the VID determine in the beginning of the test process if the vehicle is going to be rejected rather than at the end of the test.

- B. Lloyd with the DMV reported that currently the process of performing the test is:
- The inspector enters the vehicles data into the analyzer
  - The analyzer prepares for the test and connects to the VID
  - The VID downloads the vehicle information on OBD
  - The inspector plugs into the vehicle with the vehicle idling for 15 seconds to establish the connection
  - All of the data is downloaded from the vehicles computer
  - Test results are printed

The whole OBD test takes less than 2 minutes from start to finish. The Department did develop what they thought was a very comprehensive fact sheet that is printed when a vehicle has a rejected test. The fact sheet is printed with the rejected VIR and it explains why the vehicle did not pass or fail. EPA's guidance in 2001 recommended that vehicles not be failed because it is not ready. If a customer has disconnected their battery or they hooked up a scan tool to the computer and it erased all of the data in the computer, that vehicle is not ready and the monitors need to be reset. Lloyd recommended bringing forth the fact sheet that is printed out with the rejected VIR and opening discussion on the document for clarity.

- **Q.** Andy – Lloyd, would the rejected tests be reported separately? Does EPA give any statistical analysis for looking at, how many are really failures and how many are really not ready?
- **A.** Lloyd – Andy that would certainly have to go on the annual EPA report that we submit to EPA by July of each year. We are going to have to show on OBD cars how many did pass, how many did fail and how many were actually rejected.

- C. It was suggested by the Committee that perhaps a handout to better explain the issue be supplied to the shops along with signs being posted by the facilities explaining the testing fees for pass, fail and reject. Russ agreed that this would be helpful. Lloyd will bring back to Committee a copy of the current fact sheet that is printed with a rejected VIR for review and discussion.
  
- D. Steve Grabski with the Nevada Department of Agriculture informed the Committee that the Department is going through the process of changing NAC's. One change pertains to fuel quality which includes the addition of a variance process to fuel standards. The Department feels this would resolve some of the issues with the industry. Another amendment the Department is in the process of making is with bio-diesel. The Department has already adopted Temporary Regulations and is moving forward to make them Permanent. Steve will forward copies of these proposed amendments to Ivie Harper for distribution to the committee members.

#### **10. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

- A. The next I/M Advisory Committee meeting will be set for April 15, 2008 in Reno.
  
- B. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.