

MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

July 21, 2011, Thursday
700 North State Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201



I. Meeting Call to Order:

A regular meeting of the Mississippi Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) held at Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) located at 700 North State Street in Jackson, Mississippi was called to Order at approximately 10:03 A.M. by Grady Tucker, CAP Chairman.

II. Attendee(s):

- Grady Tucker, Chairman
- Jesse Thompson, Small Business Ombudsman (SBO)
- Hilliard Lackey, CAP
- Taaka Bailey-Scott, Small Business Technical Assistance Director (SBTAD)
- Bess Norville, CAP
- Sonny Bolls, CAP
- Jimmy Rea, CAP
- Jennifer Carter, SBEAP
- LaTasha Jefferson, SBEAP

III. Meeting Minutes:

- July 21, 2011, Thursday Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Minutes were approved

IV. No Executive Director Updates

V. Air Council Updates.

- Tonnages proposed to increase
- State statute \$250,000 maximum and \$4,000 ton capped amount any business will pay
- Federal mandates that all funds for Title V have to be self-supportive cannot come from State of MS General Funds; has to come from tonnage fees
- Recommendation is \$42 a ton which is a 15% increase to generate 80% of what is needed
- 5 companies that pay a quarter of a million dollars ((2) MS Power, South MS Electric Power, DuPont, Chevron, and Delisle Plant) they would potentially make up the deficit if caps were removed by the legislator.
 - Companies 5 and below and other that are not capped out they are going to be hit by the \$42 a ton
- Next Air Council Meeting Monday, October 31, 2011

VI. Small Business Ombudsman/Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBO/SBEAP) Update by Mr. Jesse Thompson

- Two positions are vacant
 - Freedom of Information (FOI)
 - Position is funded by General Funds under FOI within Environmental Resource Center (ERC)
 - Environmental Scientist
 - Position is not funded at this time per Trudy Fisher, Executive Director
- We have 3 funding sources for the Environmental Resource Center (ERC)
 - State General Funds (Freedom of Information – FOI) Used for specifics
 - Title V – Only for Title V Use
 - Environmental Trust Fund Fees (Pollution Preventive Fees) Used for discretionary funds part of Multi-Media
- In 2012, the plan is to get more information to Small Businesses, Municipalities, and Chambers of Commerce on Environmental Resource Center (ERC) on what services we provide/offer to the public and small businesses
 - In conjunction, with Small Business Development Centers Small Business Association (SBA), Hope Enterprise and Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) will be the participants for the upcoming outreach
 - Hosting three (3) Workshops in the Delta, Jackson & Coast

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