



MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

Thursday, October 27, 2016
700 North Street, Suite 539
Jackson, Mississippi 39201



• 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, Suite 539 in Jackson, Mississippi was called to order at approximately 10:24 A.M. by Grady Tucker, Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) “Acting” Chairman.

• Attendee(s):

- Grady Tucker, Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Acting Chair
- Danny Jackson, Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Member
- LaTasha Jefferson, Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (Secretariat/CAP Coordinator)
- Melissa Collier, SBO - Office of Community Engagement Director
- Taaka Scott-Bailey, SBEAP
- Tim Stone, (CAP) Member
- Cassandra Johnson, (OCE)

• Meeting Minutes:

- Thursday, October 29, 2016, Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Minutes were approved

• Executive Director/Chief of Staff Update

- No Executive Director/Chief of Staff Update at this time.

• Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBO/SBEAP/Ombudsman)

Update by Mrs. Melissa Collier

- Gary Rickard, Executive Director, and Chris Wells are aware that there are three (3) remaining vacancies for the Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Members. Two (2) Speaker of the House and One (1) Lt. Tate Reeves.

1. Ms. Jennifer Fairly resigned from the CAP in September 2016

- In October 2014, the SBEAP was placed under the MDEQ Office of Community Engagement.
- Since the merger, most assistance requests received by the SBEAP were not air related. Most were seeking to address issues with water, wastewater, and solid waste.
- In late 2014, the SBEAP began helping small municipalities throughout the state. Some of the municipalities who received assistance include:

1. Village of Eden
2. Itta Bena, Mississippi - experience difficulties such as using car batteries to keep residents, streets, etc. light on.

- Staying relevant to small businesses and other small entities
- SBEAP has improved its relationship with the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division.
- Region IV will host its regional SBEAP meeting November 29-30, 2016 in Atlanta, GA. Region IV programs will meet to discuss strategies for improving the Region IV programs, differences in state programs, and challenges and changes to state and national programs.



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- **Small Business Technical Coordinator (SBEAP)**

Update by Mrs. Taaka Scott-Bailey

- Most Small Business calls are multi-media calls. We do not get a lot calls about air.
- Dedicated staff attending meetings, Conferences, Webinars, etc. to assist small businesses
- Updating Conferences, Workshops Attended, Outreach and Publications and Reports
- Tracking Mail outs for businesses and residents

- **Miscellaneous**

- Definition of “Small Business”- clarification was requested by CAP member Timothy Stone at the January 2016 meeting. Mr. Stone stated that the definition of small business with regards to some emissions allowed of any regulated air pollutant and all regulated air pollutants was confusing.
- 2017 Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP) Chairman election- members agreed that Mr. Tucker would continue to serve as acting Chairman until the January 2017 meeting. A new Chairman would be elected at the January meeting.

- **Announcement of next Meeting**

- The next CAP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017

- **Meeting Adjourned**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.