

Regional Air Quality Council

Overview

June 3, 2004

History

- Serves as lead agency for air quality planning for the Denver region
- First established by Governor Romer in 1989
- Reauthorized and reorganized by Governor Owens in 1999
- Responsibilities and organization outlined by Governor's Executive Order

Duties

- Develop and recommend plans required by the federal Clean Air Act
- Work with CDPHE on a unified air quality planning program
- Develop and administer public education and awareness programs
- Serve as an educational resource for local governments in Denver region

Organization

- Governor appoints a 9-member board
 - **4 citizen members representing various interests**
 - **3 local elected officials**
 - Douglas County
 - City and County of Broomfield
 - Currently one vacancy
 - **CDPHE and CDOT representatives**
- Council employs a 5-member professional staff

Relationships

- Air Pollution Control Division
- Air Quality Control Commission
- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Local governments
- Business community

Funding

- Local government contributions
- Annual contract with APCD
 - EPA planning funds
 - Community-based grants
- Private sector contributions
- Grants
 - EPA
 - SEP's
 - E470
 - CMAQ
 - CDOT

State Implementation Plans

- CO attainment plan (1994)
- PM-10 attainment plan (1993/95)
- Ozone maintenance plan (1996)
- CO maintenance plan (2000)
- Revised ozone maintenance plan (2001)
- PM-10 maintenance plan (2001)
- EAC Ozone Action Plan (2004)

Accomplishments

- Ozone (1-hour standard)
 - No violations since 1987
 - EPA approved attainment redesignation in Sept. 2001
- Carbon Monoxide
 - No violations since 1995
 - EPA approved attainment redesignation in Jan. 2002
- PM-10
 - No violations since 1993
 - EPA approved attainment redesignation in Sept. 2002
- First area in country to achieve attainment redesignation for all pollutants

Future Challenges

■ Ozone (8-hour standard)

- More stringent standard set in 1997
- Denver region recorded violations 2001-03
- Implementing Early Action Compact
- Attain standard by 2007

■ PM-2.5

- New fine particle standard set in 1997
- Area currently attaining annual and 24-hour standards
- Fine particles contribute to Brown Cloud

Public Education Programs

- Ozone outreach/awareness programs
- Winter high pollution notices
- *Great Stove and Fireplace Changeout*
- Street sanding/sweeping guidelines
- *Total Clean Cars Program*
- Alternative fuels task force
- Transportation demand management
- *Blueprint for Clean Air*
- *Clean Air Fleets* diesel program
- *Clean Yellow Fleets* school bus program