

Community Air Program

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Presentation Outline

- Community Air Program (CAP) Background
- Awards & Recognition Program
- Community Campaign
- New Projects



Community Air Program Background

- Supports EPA's Urban Air Toxics Goals (CAA 112k)
- The purpose is to provide leadership and build capacity within communities
- In 2005 we developed a National strategic plan to address air toxics locally



The CAP plan includes three key areas of action:

- *Achieving Air Toxics Reductions Locally*
- *Creating a Sustainable Community Air Toxics Program*
- *Communicating Our Story*

Awards and Recognition



- Recognizes communities who have reduced their exposure to air toxics by implementing one or more toxics reduction activities or projects.



Award Levels

Regional Awards

- Great Start Award – gathered all stakeholders and made commitments to reduce air toxics
- Superior Accomplishment Award – completed a good assessment and has a plan to address air toxic concerns

Clean Air Excellence Awards

- Clean Air Action Award – have demonstrated environmental results and air emission reductions through collaborative processes.

EPA is accepting nominations. The winners will be honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in the Spring.

<http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/about.html>



Community Air Program Campaign

- Based on the National Air Toxics Assessment, many communities across the country face significant risks from HAP.
- Many of these HAP are produced by area sources which are commonly found in communities.
- OAQPS and the Regions are developing a campaign to focus on meaningful risk reductions in the Auto Body Shops and area source categories using solvents to recommend low HAP VOCs.
 - Complements our ongoing community air toxics work and efforts to attain reductions at a faster rate.



Community Campaign Schedule

- ✓ Identify an area source sector(s) as the focus of the national/regional campaign. Timeframe: Summer 2006
- Identify existing best practices and/or training materials for the selected Campaign area source(s). Timeframe: Fall/Winter 2006-07
- Marketing and Outreach. Timeframe: Winter/Spring 2007
- Identify Environmental Measures/Tracking System: Spring/Summer 2007



New Projects

- Region 1 - Workshop on Community Air Toxics and Health Issues: an Introduction to Technical Resources for State and Community Representatives
- Region 3 - Industry Partnership Initiative
- Region 4 - Community Involvement Training
- Region 5 - Manganese and Other Toxic Metals in Chicago's Urban Core: Addressing Small Sources that Add Up to Significant Risks
- Region 9 - Contra Costa Health Services Project in Bay Point, Calif
- Region 10 - Indoor Air Nail Salon Workshop and Training



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