

Action Committee Meeting Notes
April 3, 2006

Next meeting: Date: To Be Determined 3:00 PM, Roundhouse Museum
April 27th
April 28th
May 5th (Jeff's suggested day)
May 8th

Attendees:

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Larry Bean? (DSNGRR diesel mechanic)		
Don Bonk		

Don Bonk's Overview of National Energy Technology Laboratories

Don provided an overview and slide-show of NETL's history and organizational structure. Their mission has helped other small businesses, but mainly work with advanced energy systems, so they probably could not directly help us.

Don did discuss the possibility of other grant options and was going to look into this, of these an overview will be given by DSNGRR

- Other grant matching options
- Other areas of the DOE where funding could come from
- University of Colorado system could perform energy assessment of how to improve boiler systems
- USDA grants
- Commerce Department grants
- Interface with CSU/CU/School of Mines for them to take it up as a project and possibly receive grant money through them.

During Don's visit he was going to:

- Look into how NETL may be able to help in the following areas:
 - Improve combustion, reduce particulates
 - Determine pressure information
 - Determine how much coal is combusted
 - Find out basic efficiency of engines
 - Discussed option of installing an oxygen sensor to ensure the engine is firing properly (sensor is already available)
- Give recommendations on:
 - Combustion efficiency
 - Scrubber systems
 - Best source of data for emissions on paper/wood pellets

Grant Progress

CDGB feasibility grant to be reviewed April 26th

EPA (no match required.) grant to fund a comprehensive approach to reduce toxins in a community

- Fund up to 150-300K
- Has been available every 6 months, to be determined if it will be available again in 6 months
- Julie Suggests having co-applicants as recipients to achieve comprehensive toxin reductions
 - a. Possible co-applicants:
 - i. Sustainability Alliance
 - ii. San Juan Citizen's Alliance
 - iii. San Juan Basin Health Department

Discussion as to how to proceed: plan and then get grants or go after grants and plan as you go. General consensus was to develop a plan through the technology and feasibility grant (assuming we get it).

- Julie thought that applying with a less organized may jeopardize a chance at re-applying for the grant
- Motion was made to postpone EPA grant (by Jessey Tase)
- Seconded by Bob Ledger
- Discussion was held
- Motion was passed

Comments/Questions/Additions?

Send them to Jessey Tase: jessey_tase@yahoo.com