

**E85 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
February 15, 2007 @ The Alliance Building, Denver
1-3PM**

Jerry Mollendor from Lewis Maintenance Company (LMCI) presented information about tank cleaning compliance issues for the petroleum and chemical industry. He also spoke about site assessments, hazardous materials inventory statements and remediation procedures. Discussion included underground storage tank sludge/debris removal cleaning and underground storage tank water removal procedures.

Megan Castle, OEMC, discussed Governor Ritter's E85 Coalition announcement about the Coalition plans for the addition of forty new E85 ethanol fueling locations to be opened throughout the state by the end of 2007 and GM's partnership to provide marketing support. The announcement was made at the State Capitol at an event earlier in the day and presided over by Governor Ritter, GM executives and the Department of Energy (DOE). Megan Castle presented a recap of the media coverage resulting from the announcement. Megan reminded the group that the momentum of the day was to be continued at an event at Hill's Petroleum in Arvada where E85 would be discounted from a GM sponsorship. The media coverage of the E85 Coalition announcement hopes aids awareness to encourage Requests for Support applications from all across Colorado. Request applications can be found on our website (see below).

In addition, Megan shared the progress of the City of Grand Junction E85 groundbreaking event which is now scheduled for March 9th. Tom Plant, OEMC Director, will be speaking at this event. Megan and Tom will also to be traveling to Basalt on the 9th for the opening celebration of the city's new E85 pump, the first such pump on the Western Slope region.

Megan Castle also discussed current E85 educational subcommittee outreach efforts. The subcommittee is working with the downtown Colorado State Motor Pool office to look at ways to educate drivers about its E85 fleet and to motivate drivers to fill up with E85 ethanol. Signage will be created and hung in the Motor Pool office. In addition, specific green binders will be made to differentiate FFVs and to make drivers aware they are driving an FFV. The Steering Committee agreed to the subcommittee's idea for an incentive program to drive FFV's. A monthly drawing may be created at the downtown Motor Pool to encourage FFV drivers to fill up with E85 gasoline. For every E85 purchase, the receipt will be entered in a monthly drawing for a \$25 certificate. The Steering Coalition voted to award funds for the drawing should the endeavor come to fruition.

Roger Guzman, Guzman Enterprises, gave an update on the progress of his E85 pump grand opening at his station in Evergreen. The station is currently pumping E85 and the E85 signage and banners for his station should be arriving soon. He projects the E85 pump station grand opening to happen in March.

The group brought up the need for signage on the roads, highways, etc., advertising any E85 stations situated along state highways. Art Hale is going to inquire with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for more information on what steps need to be taken in order to get such signage.

The Steering Committee then reviewed "Request for Support" applications from Wilshire Cenex in Greeley, Bold Petroleum in Walsenburg and Basalt Center Fuel in Basalt. The Committee agreed that more information was needed for both the Walsenburg and Greeley stations. Upon receipt of more information, the Steering Committee will make a decision on awarding funding. The Committee voted to award \$4,000 to the Basalt station.

Angela Mitchell, Department of Veterans Affairs, spoke to the group about opportunities to partner with the State to increase the number of E85 stations. The Department of Veterans Affairs is mandated by the federal government to use E85 ethanol in their fleet vehicles. As a Transportation Specialist, Angela is looking at ways to increase E85 infrastructure, therefore, making it possible for the DMVA fleet to use

E85 more readily. Art Hale, State Fleet Manager, will provide E85 stickers to Angela for the DMVA fleet to help promote the use of E85.

Gerry Harrow, Steering Committee Chair and an NREL employee, presented information on the status of E85 conversion kits. Currently, there are no approved such kits for E85 conversion. These kits still require more testing from EPA and are currently illegal. A certificate of conformity is needed for approval and no certificates have been issued. Gerry will be putting together a tech brief on these kits to allow for a better understanding of the difference in engines between regular non-ethanol vehicles and ethanol vehicles. In addition, Gerry shared NREL is working on a case study of the Colorado E85 Coalition to share lessons learned for other states that are interested in forming a similar coalition.

The Coalition is looking for additional applicants and the application for funding support is available on OEMC's website @ www.colorado.gov/oemc. The Committee reviews applications on a first-come, first-serve basis. Detailed quotes are required to accompany applications.

The date of the Coalition's next meeting will be held sometime in March. The exact date has yet to be announced. For more information, contact OEMC's Rob Pearson at 303-866-2163 or rob.pearson@state.co.us.