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2008 CIBO Committee Meetings March 11-12, 2008

New Location
Radisson Hotel
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CIBO Meetings:

CIBO's 2008 Conferences

June 2-4, 2008
Fluidized Bed
Combustion XXI
Conference
Oak Lawn, Illinois

August 4-7, 2008
Industrial Emissions
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Energy

Since the January Newsletter when we let everyone know the House and Senate passed HR-6 and the President signed it into law, there has not been much change in the activities associated with energy. We are still trying to figure out how the detail of this will impact the powerhouse. We should have something at the March Committee Meetings. On another front, FERC Commissioner Wellinghoff has requested a meeting to discuss FERC activities relative to how they affect or impact the industrial sector. We will be trying to set up this meeting for Tuesday of the March Committee Meetings. To date, FERC has not paid any attention to the industrial sectors comments in their rulemakings. The elections are taking up much of our representatives' time. Each of the candidates is talking about their energy policy in very general terms without much detailed information. We will try to have a session at the March Meetings to be able to help as the details are revealed and positions are clarified and solidified. Now is the time to be able to get our input into the different camps. Energy and Climate Change go hand in hand. Our Climate Change Policy (available on the CIBO website) is very good and can help as the details are developed. The Lieberman-Warner Senate Bill that we talked about with their staffs has undergone some changes and seems to be picking up momentum. Much of our effort will be to meet with Senators to discuss our Climate Change Policy statement and express the potential impacts and needs of the Industrial and Institutional communities with Hill visits in March. Anything you can do at home to educate our local, state and national representatives will be of significant help as we move forward with the increased possibility of a Bill this year.

Greenhouse Gas reporting may be mandatory next year. The \$500 billion omnibus spending bill signed into law by the President includes a provision requiring EPA to establish a mandatory greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting program. The law directs the EPA to publish a draft GHG reporting regulations within 9 months and final regulations within 18 months, which would be June 2009. The law, which could cover all U.S. industries, does not appear to pre-empt state GHG reporting standards that are being adopted by many states. EPA will have discretion in determining program source categories, reporting thresholds, and frequencies. HR 2764 (Public Law No. 110-161) provides in pertinent part that, "Of the funds provided in the Environmental Programs and Management account, not less than \$3,500,000 shall be provided for activities to develop and publish a draft rule not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and a final rule not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, to require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gas emissions above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy of the United States." On a positive note, maybe the President's budget proposal does not include any money for this implementation.

Environment

It has definitely been busy. Since January 3, we have submitted four (4) very detailed comments on environmental issues. The first was the comments on the Boiler MACT vacatur 112j data collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that would authorize/mandate states to proceed with the 112j Part 1 and Part 2 implementation process without any guidance from EPA. The second were comments on the NACAA PM 2.5 Menu of Control Options for industrial sources that used utility based assumptions without regard for the reality of the industrial situation. The third were comments on the Boiler MACT 114 letter for information collection regarding information that will be used to set the new Boiler MACT rule. This is of critical importance to assure a reasonable rule without generating a MACT on MACT rule with potential mandatory very high cost testing with little or no benefit. And, the fourth were comments on the Office of Solid Waste Notice of Data Availability regarding the potential for a Fossil Fuel/Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Rulemaking in the future in line with the activity going on at the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) on Mine Fill Regulations for Ash. Besides these, there have been a few other smaller ones like, the Flexible Air Permitting comments, and some "Me Too" comments for the Midwest Ozone Group's comments on the NESCAUM report for MANE-VU. All of these should be up on the website under CIBO Comments. The NSPS briefing schedule is set and we should be starting to see increased activity on that between now and the March Committee Meetings. We have sent a copy of our boiler fuels listing to the OSW for their interaction with the people at Research Triangle Park working on the Waste Fuels Definition for the Boiler MACT Rule.

Technical

The update of the CIBO Energy efficiency handbook is moving forward. If you have volunteered for a Chapter and have not sent in initial edits/updates, you should be getting a call in the next week to check on the status. Our objective is to have this complete for the August Industrial Emissions Controls Technology Conference (IECT). This will be of special importance as we move into small unit, Area Source and Climate Change regulations. Initial drafts of the FBC and IECT Conferences' programs should be on the website next week. A special emphasis will be placed on Case Study presentations for the IECT this year. If you have a case study you would like to present this year, it will be given priority.

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Further by popular demand, we will limit the number of presentations to provide additional time for discussion. As always, members' requests will be given priority with case studies receiving the highest priority. The Thursday Compliance Workshop will be even better with the possibility of special interest group discussions (Stokers, Universities, Firetube Units, Package Boilers, State Regulators, etc.) prior to the general discussions like last year. Both of our Conferences this year look to be the best ever.

Energy, Technical, and Environmental Committee Meetings – March 11-12, 2008, Arlington, VA

Key Topics to be addressed include: **Energy** – Energy Bill Details for ICI sector, Energy Efficiency Guidance Document, EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program; **Technical** – DOE Steam Trap Tips, Two Associate Member Technical Presentations; **Environmental** - Vacated Boiler MACT Issues (EPA Guidance/Rulemaking, State Actions, Strategy for 112 (j) & (g), CIBO Comments on 114 Request for Additional Data), CISWI Definitions, Area Source MACT Requirements, Litigation Update, Permitting Update (NSR, Title V), PM and Ozone NAAQS & Regional Haze Implementation and RCRA/OSM Ash Regulation. Please note based on feedback from the annual survey, we will be including two associate member technical presentations on the agenda. Associate members wishing to give a technical presentation on their products & services, please contact Candy Marriott cmariott@cibo.org or Bob Bessette bessette@cibo.org. Check out the new location on the Website. The CIBO Room block has been filled and the cut-off day is past; however, we have been able to get 10 additional rooms for Tuesday evening. If you have trouble getting a room, let us know. We should be able to help.

Fluidized Bed XXI Conference – June 2-4, 2008 –Hilton Oak Lawn – Oak Lawn, IL

CIBO's Twenty-first Fluidized Bed Conference will be focusing on the operations, management, performance, latest technology developments and regulations impacting fluidized bed combustion systems for Industrial, University and Utility installations. **Come to the conference where Fluid Bed Owners and Operators:** 1) **Review the benchmarks** of FBC performance, 2) **Learn** what technologies might be possible or **required** to improve energy efficiency, productivity & environmental performance, 3) **Discuss** the latest technical experiences associated with current operations and handling & burning different fuels, and 4) **Network with peer FBC Owners and Equipment Suppliers** to optimize performance. A detailed program and **on-line registration** is on the CIBO website under 2008 Calendar. **Exhibit fees are discounted** for companies who have exhibited in the past. Contact Gail Bessette @ 703-250-9042 for exhibit information.

Detailed agendas will be completed following the March Meetings.

From the President's Desk – Bob Bessette --

As we enter 2008 at full speed, the issues we deal with are on the front burner and at a full boil. At last year's Annual Meeting we heard about the environmentalist "One Sky Coalition" that would be working to make sure Climate Change is kept in the news and an issue over the next year through the elections. The coalition is working hard; and, we can see the activity in the daily papers and news. Promoting warming and discount anything that may be reasonable. You hear very little about the fact that the sun's magnetic field and heat flux has decreased for the last two years. If this happens again this year, we could be in for a significant cooling off period. It might be something to keep in the back of our minds as we look for energy sources or efficiency gains that will outlast the current global warming concerns. We also heard about how the environmentalists were going to target state permitting at a local level. We can see this in the cancellation of somewhere around 30 coal plants. Their efforts are beyond anything we have ever seen. As such, it will be more important than ever that we work together to bring real understanding to the need for and availability of environmentally sound energy systems for the United States today. We have an opportunity to make real progress on our ability to integrate Energy and Environmental issues for the benefit of everyone. Following a presentation at ABMA's Annual Meeting, I believe we have potential to expand our efforts to work together to help get this message out. We will be working to find ways to do this over the next year. This will definitely be an interesting year.

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