



BoilerBlast News

2008 CIBO Committee Meetings March 11-12, 2008

New Location
Radisson Hotel
Reagan National
Airport

CIBO's 2008 Conferences

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

August 4-7, 2008
Industrial Emissions
Control Technology
VI Conference
Regulatory Workshop
Portland, Maine

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Energy

As we enter this New Year, energy will be impacted by local, national and world politics, environmental regulation and a high level of uncertainty created by the collision of all the forces pressuring the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors of the country. The fact that we have an Energy Bill with biomass and energy efficiency provisions should help but further complicate the planning process until the details are understood. However; there are no provisions for increasing supplies. One effort that may help is an energy workshop titled "Impacts of High and Volatile Energy Costs on Energy Intensive Industries: Coping Strategies and Future Research Needs" that is being put together by Dr. Jack Fuller, our friend from West Virginia University. The attendees at the workshop will be several Sloan Industry Center Directors from different universities in the U.S. representing a variety of energy impacted centers (such as the airline industry, travel and tourism, electricity, aluminum, metallurgy, etc.), several individuals from the U.S. Department of Energy, selected CIBO members, West Virginia University energy research faculty, and other industry representatives. At this time, they are not planning to charge a registration fee for the workshop, assuming they can find \$10,000. in funding from some co-funding sources for the workshop. These could be the U.S. Department of Energy, the Sloan Foundation Industry Center Travel Grant Program, CIBO and other trade associations or their members, and West Virginia University. They are hoping to have the workshop at West Virginia University on April 9 and 10, 2008. Look for a more specific note on this next week. We would expect, if anyone would commit to support the effort, they would be included on the speakers panel or provide suggestions concerning individuals to invite to the workshop, and also anyone that they feel would be good panel members or presenters. This could be an ideal opportunity to gather a group of independent people to discuss and make recommendations to a politically divided congress. We need all the help we can get these days.

Environment

The Environmental Committee has been very busy. CIBO has filed comments supporting MOG's comments that NESCAUM should not seek controls beyond those required to meet the Regional Haze Reasonable Progress Glide Path established for the Federal Class 1 Areas within their jurisdiction as indicated in the NESCAUM Reports prepared for MANE-VU. CIBO also filed comments on Flexible Air Permits and Fugitive Emissions on Monday 1/14/08. For those of you on the Environmental Committee and Litigation Committee distribution lists, you should be receiving weekly updates of the State Boiler MACT Activity spreadsheet. That effort has not slowed down. For those of you that have been waiting for the Comments on the NACAA PM 2.5 Menu of options, as discussed at the quarterly meetings, they are complete, submitted to Bill Becker, and on the website for your use. We have completed our comments and submitted our comments on the 112j Information Request supporting our position that EPA should go through a rulemaking to address what happens under 112j in the event of a Court Vacatur and keep the original rule in place via an EPA guidance issued through a notice and comment process while they are coming up with a new rule. While this is going on, we are beginning to draft the comments on the EPA Office of Solid Waste Notice of Data Availability. The RCRA Ash Task Group should see this next week. If you are interested in participating and are not currently on that list let us know. To think this has happened since our last committee meeting a month ago, a month that included almost two weeks of holiday time. CIBO members never cease to amaze us. One important additional note, the activities associated with the Boiler MACT 112j Issue has been substantial. We will be asking for additional support to help continue the battle as we continue to work for reasonable Boiler MACT and Area Source MACT rules.

Technical

For those who have volunteered to review and provide an initial updating of the CIBO Energy Efficiency Guidance Document, a MS Word version has been distributed and initial updates are due by the beginning of February so we can have a compiled draft by the March committee meetings. "Where Have All the Boiler People Gone," we think was a song by Peter, Paul and Mary back in the 60's. That song is coming back into vogue. Have you tried to find a technical person that actually understands what a boiler is and how it works? Have you tried to find people that can help your new inexperienced operators? Do you have new inexperienced operators? What happens if every boiler in the US needs a tune-up -- each year? What happens if there is a Carbon Tax and either No Gas or prohibitively expensive Natural Gas? Maybe we should enter an Endangered Species Classification for the "Local Boiler Guy" so they do not become Dinosaurs. If you have names of people you think might fit this description -- like: Norb Wright, Carl Bozzuto, Neil Johnson, Bob Corbin, send them to CIBO with their Contact Information. We may start our own endangered species list on the Members Only Website.

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2008 CIBO Conferences/Meetings - Mark Your Calendar

FLUIDIZED BED COMBUSTION (FBC) XXI CONFERENCE

JUNE 2-4 – Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, Oak Lawn, Illinois

This year's conference will take place in Oak Lawn, Illinois, and will include a tour of the newest industrial scale FBC boiler at Corn Product's Bedford Park plant and the NALCO Water Treatment Facility in Naperville on Wednesday the 4th. The agenda for the conference will focus on existing operations, annual FBC survey, alternative fuels combustion, performance optimization, and the latest in emission control design and operations. Anyone interested in FBC technology and state-of-the-art energy technology for solid fuel application and environmental compliance should be there. If you have a presentation you would like to suggest, the deadline is January 30, 2008.

INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS CONTROL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE VI

AUGUST 4-7 – Holiday Inn By The Bay, Portland, Maine

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP – August 7

By overwhelming request, we are returning to Portland in 2008. The conference will address the current status of industrial environmental regulations, technology and methodologies for compliance and planning when considering Boiler MACT, Regional Haze, State SIP's for PM, SO₂ and NO_x, fuel flexibility, Area Source MACT, Energy Efficiency, and new technology operations and performance -- what is out there to specifically solve Industrial, Institutional and Commercial (ICI) compliance concerns. Also by popular demand, we will again hold the Regulatory Compliance Workshop discussion with Regulators, Technology Developers and Owner/Operators to discuss, How do we get from "Where" to "Here." Come, discuss your questions and concerns, learn and network with your peers.

30TH ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 22-24 – Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina

For members and invited guests only

CIBO will come together to celebrate its 30 year anniversary one month before the national elections. We will assess the state of industrial energy and environmental, legislative, regulatory, political and technical issues in light of energy availability, sustainability and impact on the industrial and institutional energy base of the United States with strategic discussions of issues like Climate Change, energy project financing, and fuels applicability, alternatives, cost and availability, and environmental requirements addressed from a US and global corporate and institutional perspective

ENVIRONMENTAL/ENERGY/TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 11-12, June 10-11, September 16-17, December 9-10 – Radisson, Crystal City/Washington Reagan National Airport, VA

Check out the new location on the Website.

FOR MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS ONLY

From the President's Desk – Bob Bessette –

As we start the New Year – An Election Year – silly season has begun. Energy and Environment, especially as they link through Climate Change will be HOT and on the front burner. These may generate more "Steam" than you do in the powerhouse. This linkage will grow stronger over this year, and more emphasis will be placed on the linkage of those environmental requirements and operational activities that are needed but increase CO₂ emissions – things that go beyond efficiency or increased energy use or CO₂ emissions increases from scrubbing to remove SO₂. It is time to start thinking about this and other powerplant activities that might need to be protected or adjusted depending on what might come out of Climate Change legislation of regulations. I expect you will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. I think this might be a good subject for an ongoing Blog.