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

CIBO Meetings:

Sep 16-17, 2008
**E/E
Arlington, VA**

Oct 22-24, 2008
**30th Annual
Meeting**
Charleston, SC

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Energy

It looks like the pressure is on Congress to do something to lower the price of gasoline at the pump. The President has lifted the Executive order placing a moratorium on OCS drilling forcing the Democrats and environmentalists hand by linking them directly to the cost of energy. While no one likes the high gasoline prices, there is an advantage in the ongoing policy discussions regarding Climate Change and all energy and environmental issues impacting the Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sectors. The implications of the high energy cost will continue to add weight to the energy and environmental advocacy we bring to the hill and with the regulators. Climate Change continues to be more of a political issue that is to be discussed with more in the scientific community saying no to the dire prediction of the Al Gore groups. This tends to support the position CIBO has taken supporting ICI energy efficiency and fuel flexibility R&D and separate consideration of the ICI sectors. On the immediate fuel front, coal prices have increased in some cases more than 100%, and there is serious thought being given to switching to coals or biofuels for which the units were not originally designed. Be aware that this is not as easy as it may sound. We will be discussing these concerns within the Technical Committee and at the Annual Meeting in October as we plan actions for next year. We also, expect to have someone give us a short forecast on 2009 Coal and Natural Gas supply and availability to help set up that discussion.

Technical

The ASME Efficiency Certification Protocol development is due out as a draft for testing at a few Texas locations prior to being sent out for final comment in the standards development process. We will be talking about these at the September E/E Committee meetings. The overall process of certifying energy efficiency could have serious implication as EPA looks at a waste energy registration program. If anyone would like to get involved and serve as an outside reviewer, they should let CIBO know. We have been involved with DOE Office of Industrial Technologies since the beginning of the Steam Challenge program in the mid 90's, helping them put out some excellent documents. You can find most of these linked on the CIBO Website. With all the work that has been done, there is a growing need for some place to find the fundamentals of combustion and boiler design integration. We see that in the assumptions that regulators make and the questions we get asked by new engineers being given responsibility over the power house. The Steam Source Book, found at the following link, is a good place to start < <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/industry/bestpractices/pdfs/steamsourcebook.pdf> >. We continue to work on the update to the Energy Efficiency Handbook, and would like to begin collecting those old documents like the "Powerplant Primer" that may be able to be turned into something to meet the growing needs of the industry as the people retire who actually knew why something worked rather than simply that some action generates the desired results. We will be talking about how we address these issues in September Committee and October Annual Meetings.

Environment

By now, we are sure everyone knows that the CAIR rule has been vacated by the courts and EPA has to start that process all over. This has created some significant problems for the States that were counting those transport reductions for their NAAQS PM, SO₂ and NO_x compliance requirements. There is no trading other than that associated with the NO_x SIP Call being retained in place for now. We could see a new CAIR without trading and with ICI boiler included like the NO_x SIP Call. What are the States going to do? We are looking to hear something at the August Industrial Emissions Control Technology Conference that will help put the pieces together. NACAA put some supporting information for their Model Rule for Boiler MACT out and we are beginning to go through it. The initial view seems to raise more questions rather than answer those we already had. We are working on a more detailed paper on the Model Rule and to help support Case-By-Case MACT discussions at the state level in the event it is needed. OMB has not issued the final OK for the 112J process to begin, and we are not sure when that will happen. EPA believes they are still on target for the 114 Information Collection Request (ICR) for data to develop the new MACT. While there is still some concern that the Waste/Fuel definition is not resolved between the Office of Solid Waste (OSW) and the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) and the Earth Justice litigants, we are hoping the process will move forward quickly to minimize the need for any application of the 112j Hammer provisions. Much of this will come together at the Emissions Conference. The information generated there will fuel the discussions at the September Committee meetings and establish a base for a 2009 action plan at the Annual Meeting.

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Industrial Emissions Control Technology (IECT) VI Conference – August 4-7, 2008 – Portland, ME

With the vacatur of the Boiler MACT Rule last year, increasing uncertainty continues as questions regarding the applicability of 112 j and what that means arise, the data collection ICR for the new Boiler MACT rule moves forward, and the states begin to think they have to do something by September of this year. This year's conference will try to bring some clarity to the situation and address some of the concerns from a technical perspective of what in reality can be done to meet what ever the ultimate requirements are. The **Compliance Workshop** discussion with regulators, industry owners and suppliers was a great success last year and will again be a highlight of the conference. Based on last year's comments, we have set the agenda with ample time for discussion and networking. A conference program and on-line registration is on the CIBO website www.cibo.org under 2008 Meeting Schedule. **A few exhibit booths are still available.** Exhibit fees are discounted for companies who have exhibited in the past. Contact Gail Bessette @ 703-250-9042 for exhibit information.

Annual Membership Survey

The extremely important annual membership survey will be sent to Principal Representatives later this month. Please take a few minutes to provide valuable feedback to guide CIBO's efforts in 2009 strategy development and allocation of resources for maximum benefit to members. The survey database includes responses from the previous year, so it's a very quick incremental change for those who responded last year. Please complete the survey by August 31st. Survey results will be reviewed by the committees at the September Committee Meetings, summarized and discussed at the Annual Meeting in October as we set the agenda for next year.

30th Annual Meeting – October 22-24 – Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina

This year's theme is "Integrating Energy and Environmental Control Strategy Development – *For the Near and Long Term – 30 Years in the Making*". Since 1978, our greatest strength has been found in our ability to integrate energy and environmental issues from a practical and technical operations perspective to generate reasonable and achievable legislation and regulations. It will take that same strength, focused on forward thinking and strategic development, for our members to succeed within this current era of legislative, regulatory, technical, financial, and political uncertainty. This year's agenda will bring the best people together to help us use CIBO's unique capabilities and strengths to help our members understand the interrelationships of energy and environmental issues and corporate requirements to better develop integrated energy and environmental strategies for the near and long-term. Invitation packets have been mailed. The proposed agenda is on the website.

From the President's Desk – Bob Bessette

I just returned from vacation where I was lucky to catch and land a five and a half foot, 140 pound shark from the beach on a 20 pound test line. I think returning him to the ocean was the interesting part. You do not realize how sharp those teeth are until your hand is 2 inches away cutting the leader to get it off the line. They are sharper than I ever imagined. Not unlike the complexities associated with energy and environmental activities today. They are more complex and intricate than anything I could imagine as a person not intimately involved on a day-to-day basis. It is good to be back; however, as I get older and realize the guys and ladies who actually know and understand these issues could be getting into their 60's and 70's in the not to distant future and retire. I believe we will have even greater problems in the future – a problem we will be addressing as we look at energy and environmental strategy development at this year's Annual Meeting. If you have not yet had your vacation and are going to the beach, be careful out there.