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2011 CIBO Meetings

Environmental/ Energy/Technical Committee Meetings
Arlington, VA
Dec 6-7, 2011

2012 Conferences

Fluidized Bed Combustion XXV Conference
Raleigh, NC
May 21-23, 2012

Industrial Emissions Control Technology Conference X and Regulatory Workshop
Portland, Maine
July 30-August 2, 2012

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Annual Meeting Highlights

CIBO's 33rd Annual Meeting was filled with great information, activities, plenty of discussion and valuable takeaways for all. As we enter 2012, our understandings from the presentations and discussions will be invaluable in helping move our issues forward. All things considered, CIBO is doing very well, and we will be looking to do even more next year. Carl R. Bozzuto and John C. deRuyter were re-elected to the Board of Directors. The Board elected John C. deRuyter as Chairman; Mark E. Calmes, Vice Chairmen; Carl R. Bozzuto, Secretary/Treasurer; and Robert D. (Bob) Bessette, President. J.A. (Fred) Cleveland was awarded the 16th Annual Bill Marx "Thorn-In-The-Side" Award. Check out the meeting minutes and presentations posted on the "Members Only" website.

Next year by popular request we will return to Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, California for our 34th Annual Meeting. With the national elections looming less than a month after the meeting, and energy, environment and the economy as potential key 2012 issues, if there was only one meeting to attend next year, this would be it.

Energy

We hear more about how much Natural Gas there is, but at what price? When we hear prices they are usually at the major hubs and not delivered. Transportation and delivery costs (or profits to those companies) must be added. Hence the \$4.00 price may be \$6.50 or more depending on where you happen to have a plant. With delivered coal costs getting up to the \$4.00 per Million Btu range, because of China's insatiable appetite for met coal, and the application costs of coal potentially skyrocketing due to up-coming environmental compliance costs (see below), the cost of industrial energy could increase enough to call into question the viability of marginally profitable US manufacturing production. Because the energy cost increases could be so high, they must be evaluated against the practical life of a product line or plant as it relates to corporate profitability – capital cost vs. fuel costs vs. plant life and profitability. CIBO will have a Focus Group session on Coal vs. Gas Evaluation for MACT Compliance at the December meetings. This should be very interesting.

Two other thoughts for Natural Gas; first, we understand the costs of Shale Gas production can range from \$2.50 to \$6.50 per MMBtu. There is a good report from the Secretary of Energy that might make interesting reading.

< http://www.shalegas.energy.gov/resources/081811_90_day_report_final.pdf >. Second, we understand EPA is going to regulate shale gas drilling from the water side. Are there any guesses regarding what the cost of shale gas could be by the time it is available for industrial consumption when the economy comes back?

"With higher energy prices, there is of course a new emphasis on energy efficiency. We'll be discussing the new energy efficiency programs and mandates being talked about in Washington at the December Meeting. There is also a new CIBO working group focused on energy assessments (see below). Contact Candy Marriott cmariott@cibo.org if you would like to be added to this group."

Environment

Everyone should have seen EPA Administrator Jackson's LA Times Op-Ed by now. It could be interesting to dissect what she says line by line to show the hyperbole and paucity of the arguments and the exaggeration of unproven benefits. However, we are not going to go there. Maybe we should. There are many, many, people out there that have no concept about the reality of the energy/environmental relationship, and how that affects the economy. When the Administration puts out a piece like the Op-Ed to further their political aims and continue on their mission to "Kill Coal," they do a disservice to us all. It is possible to keep coal as a viable energy source and improve the environment at the same time. HR 2250 and S 1392 are ways to achieve those objectives and save jobs. CIBO has many associate members whose products and services have been developed (emission control technologies) to clean up coal and solid fuel combustion. If the Obama EPA is successful in Killing Coal, what happens to those businesses in the United States? Do they move overseas like our manufacturing? Where are the new long term jobs going to come from or how will the government jobs be funded and supported?

We were expecting the Boiler MACT Reconsideration Proposal to come out by October 31. It is now over at OMB and scheduled to come out by the end of November. Hopefully this reconsideration will result in a rule that is achievable, that will allow industry to comply at reasonable cost minimizing the economic impact on our members and the cities and towns they support, and be legally defensible to allow industry to be able to move forward sparking the overall economy. We believe the Office of Air and Radiation is trying hard to find a reasonable solution. Will the Obama Administration allow that to happen is the question? Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator at EPA, has agreed to come over to our December Environmental Committee meeting to talk to us about Air Regulations impact on ICI boilers. We are looking forward to hearing what she has to say.

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Technical

There are four items of importance regarding the Technical Committee today. The first two are associated with the Boiler Tune-up Protocol and Energy Assessment Protocol Development. Norb Wright is heading up the Tune-up group and Mike Budin is heading up the Energy Assessment group. I expect we will be having a few conference calls between now and the December Meetings. If you have signed up for these groups be on the lookout for call notifications. If you are not and want to be, let us know.

The other two are associated with the Fluidized Bed Combustion XXV Conference in May and the Industrial Emissions Control Technology X Conference (IECT) at the end of July and beginning of August. In both cases, CIBO members will have priority for presentations until two months prior to the conference at which time non-member presentations will be accepted. Case studies with application results and owner participation are almost guaranteed to be accepted. We begin planning the FBC Conference in December and the IECT in February. It is never too soon to let us know. However, as some experienced last year, it could be too late.

Annual Membership Survey Results

The annual survey results are posted on the "Members Only" website, as well as, the Annual Survey Report given at the Annual Meeting. We would like to thank all who provided valuable feedback in the guidance of CIBO's strategy development and allocation of resources for maximum benefit to members.

Focus Group, Environmental, Energy & Technical Committee Meetings –Dec. 6-7, 2011 Arlington, VA

Focus Group Topic is "Coal vs. Gas Evaluation for MACT Compliance." Key topics of Committees to be addressed include: Boiler MACT Slate of Rules, Cross State Air Pollution Rule, Energy Assessment Protocol, GHG Regulatory Developments/EPA Threshold Reduction Plan, Litigation Update, NAAQS Update, NSR and RCRA Ash Classification Rule.

2012 Conferences & Meetings Schedule

Next year's conferences are scheduled and venues selected.

The Fluidized Bed Combustion Conference XXV will be held May 21-23 in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

The Industrial Emissions Control Technology Conference X and Regulatory Workshop will be held by popular demand again in Portland, Maine, July 30-Aug 2.

If you would like to submit a presentation, topic for consideration, or assist in the planning, send an e-mail to gail@cibo.org.

The Quarterly Meetings at the Radisson, Crystal City, Virginia will be the Tuesday and Wednesday of March 13-14, June 12-13, September 11-12 and December 4-5.

The 34th Annual Meeting will be at The Rancho Bernardo Inn (San Diego), California on October 24-26.

From the President's Desk – Bob Bessette

Our Annual Meeting was great. It was good to see a good turn-out at this time of year when survival economics kick in and travel decisions are made. For those of you who were not able to make it, the presentations and summary are on the website.

There are many people interested in the 4 rules of Boiler MACT and their potential impact. Since the beginning of the month, I have been at TAPPI in Oregon and CAPCA, in South Carolina, and will be in Chicago next week talking about the reality of Boiler MACT.

There are still many people out there who do not know they could be severely impacted. The most surprising piece I receive comments on are the things we take for granted, i.e. It takes Energy to make or do anything. And, you have to make a profit to stay in business. We will continue plugging along.

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