



A PROJECT OF THE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY BOARD

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PROJECT UPDATE

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A great finish to 2007, with over 2,000 pounds of NOx reduced due to changes in employee commuting patterns! Since February 2007, commuters have logged approximately 3,222 bicycle trips, 30,133 carpool trips, 54,947 transit trips, 8,136 vanpool trips, 2,654 walk trips and 4,064 trips have been avoided thanks to telecommuting. These trips have reduced approximately 1,718,268 vehicle miles traveled and 2,462 pounds of NOx emissions. Way to go, *Clean Air Works!* Partners!

In addition, last year approximately 38 Partner facilities administered *Clean Air Works!* operational audits. After being audited, each Partner received a series of energy and NOx-reducing recommendations regarding all aspects of their facility operations. Suggestions included improving lighting, fleet management, heating/cooling systems and steam usage, in addition to other energy-producing operations.

CIGNA Healthcare kicked off its *Clean Air Works!* participation in December by hosting both a transportation fair and Gas Cap Check event at its Charlotte office locations. More than 40 CIGNA employees signed up to find a carpool partner at the event, looking to find coworkers to share the ride to work. In addition, approximately 37 employee vehicles were checked for a leaky gas cap (and two vehicle caps were replaced). CIGNA plans on implementing new commuter programs with the new year. It also would like to host an operational audit before the company moves into its new offices.

US GreenFiber also held its *Clean Air Works!* kickoff event in December helping to educate employees on air quality awareness and commuting options near GreenFiber's SouthEnd Charlotte worksite. To encourage its employees to attend the event, GreenFiber provided coffee and donuts for all attendees. In addition, *Clean Air Works!* provided information on CATS transit and Lynx light rail service. GreenFiber's facility is located in close proximity to the new light rail system.

Our newest *Clean Air Works!* Partner, **Freightliner**, also kicked off its program in December. The company held an operational audit at its Gaston County facility on December 7th. Freightliner will be receiving a follow up report from *Clean Air Works!*, with program implementation recommendations for the new year.

Clean Air Works! attended an event at Partner prospect **CEO, Inc.** during the month of December. *Clean Air Works!* Partner, **NewDominion Bank**, helped connect CEO, Inc. to the program. At the event, CEO, Inc. employees were encouraged to have their personal vehicle's gas cap tested, in addition to learning about commuting options and clean air. *Clean Air Works!* hopes to convince CEO, Inc. to join the partnership in 2008.

Clean Air Works! In the News

Clean Air Works! was featured in Food Lion's announcement of being a founding partner in the U.S. EPA's GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Program. The news was released on more than 10 Web sites including CNNMoney, Reuters and Forbes.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the fourth and final **Project Leader Workshop**, scheduled for **Wednesday, January 30th** from **11:30am-1:30pm** at Piedmont Natural Gas' corporate offices in SouthPark Charlotte. As *Clean Air Works!* moves forward in 2008 without local government funding, learn how to continue your onsite program by making the most of internal resources and outside help from other *Clean Air Works!* Partners.



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AT&T
Bank of America
BaxterHarriss
Belk, Inc.
Bissell Companies
Bowater
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Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce
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CaroMont Health
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Charlotte Chamber of Commerce
The Charlotte Observer
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 Bobcats Arena
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 Cricket Arena
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 VisitCharlotte
CIGNA HealthCare
Citi Fort Mill
Coca-Cola Consolidated
Compass Group
Comporium Communications
Dixon Hughes
Duke Energy
Environmental Building Solutions
First Charter Bank
Flakeboard
Food Lion
Freightliner
Froehling & Robertson
Gaston County Chamber of Commerce
GE
Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce
Harris Teeter
Helms Mulliss Wicker
HomeCharlotte.com
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Lash Group
Leeboy
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Marsh
McGee Brothers
Moore & Van Allen
National Gypsum
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Piedmont Natural Gas
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