



A PROJECT OF THE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY BOARD

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PROJECT UPDATE

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The first of four Project Leader Workshops was held Wednesday, February 27th. Representatives from 14 employer Partners attended, which featured success stories from 2006. We also introduced new features for 2007, notably our new operational audit program component. This event offered everyone a great opportunity for networking and sharing ideas. *Clean Air Works!* will be hosting three more workshops in 2007 and we welcome ideas and input from project leaders about future discussion topics.

Johnson & Wales University held a successful gas cap check for faculty, staff and students on February 22nd at Cedar Hall, a central location at its Uptown Charlotte campus. Sixty vehicles were checked at the event, and three caps were replaced on the spot. Participants were rewarded with a *Clean Air Works!* coffee mug and information about the *Clean Air Works!* project. Johnson & Wales would like to have another gas cap check in late-May.

Our first Partner operational audit was held in February at a local warehouse and light manufacturing facility. The *Clean Air Works!* audit helped the employer to identify natural gas usage reduction opportunities that will save approximately **\$14,000 per year** with almost no capital expenditure. In addition, the audit identified lighting retrofit opportunities that will save **an additional \$17,000 per year**, with a 3.7 year payback period. Also identified was additional savings potential from a compressed air leak survey. The total operational NOx emission reductions from these changes total more than one ton each year.

Piedmont Natural Gas (PNG) hosted a gas cap check event on Tuesday, February 28th at its new office complex, Piedmont Row, located in Southpark. Over 80 vehicles were checked at the event, and approximately four caps failed and were replaced on the spot. PNG offered commuters a chance to get their gas cap checked as well. The next *Clean Air Works!* initiative will be to introduce preferential parking for employees who carpool to work at its Southpark location.

The outreach team is currently reviewing Employer Action Plans from 2006 and will be making new program recommendations for your worksite in 2007. You will be hearing from us soon!

IN THE NEWS:

News about the continuation of the *Clean Air Works!* project continues to spread. In February, the York edition of the *Charlotte Observer* announced the project news. Meanwhile, **UNCC's** March 1 gas cap check event grabbed headlines too, with a placement in the *Cabarrus Business & Lifestyles Magazine*.

Remember, your efforts are deserving of the spotlight! Our public relations team will work with you to make sure your organization gets the recognition it deserves. Your efforts can also help us engage even more employers in the program. So tell us about employees who have embraced their new commutes, or any interesting programs your company is implementing. Send your stories to us: Elizabeth.Lintner@URSCorp.com.

COMING SOON:

Save the Date! On May 24, *Clean Air Works!* will hold its second annual kick-off breakfast to recognize and motivate existing Partners, as well as to welcome new Partners to the *Clean Air Works!* project. Look for your invitation soon.



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Thanks to all of our 2006 employer Partners

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