

TRAC Meeting: Agricultural Subcommittee Minutes

February 17, 2010

Member Attendees

Last Name	First Name	Company
Cline	Adam C.	Donaldson Co.
Duke	Dave	Foster Farms
Lawson	Dave	Crop Production Services
Richmond	Brenda	Richmond Farm Services
Simpson	Charlie	E.M. Tharp, Inc./Peterbilt
Sartell	Dan	Button Transportation
Sousa	Paul	WUDA
Torres	Chris	SCIF
Wegis	Robert	Grimmway Enterprises

Discussion Items:

- November 10, 2009 Minutes Review
- Overview of Reporting Spreadsheet for TRUCRS Reporting Database
- Discussion Regarding the Agricultural Provisions and Vehicle Types
- Future Meeting Action Items

November 10, 2009 Minutes Review

- Meeting minutes for the November 10, 2009 subcommittee meeting were posted to ARB's website for members to review. During the February 17th meeting, subcommittee members were provided another opportunity to review the minutes for their approval. Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes and approved them.

Overview of Reporting Spreadsheet For TRUCRS Reporting Database

- Agricultural subcommittee members joined the reporting subcommittee for an overview of the reporting spreadsheet and TRUCRS online uploading feature that is currently under construction.
- Members expressed concerns regarding the information that fleets are required to report, specifically their ability to acquire and provide the information pertaining to engine family numbers and gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) for vehicles with missing or illegible labels. Members suggested that ARB develop a short guidance document to help fleets locate this information, including what information engine manufacturers may need for the purpose of assisting fleet owners with obtaining correct engine family numbers.
- Members expressed concern regarding the March 31, 2010 reporting date and voiced that some fleets within the agricultural community may not be able to report on time as they have a large number of vehicles in the fleet, most of which

do not qualify for the agricultural provisions, and do not have sufficient time to gather the required information such as engine family numbers. Members are also concerned about the delay in making the online reporting system available and feel that this will further impact the fleet's ability to report on time.

- ARB informed members that an advisory is being drafted to address reporting requirements. The advisory will detail the proposed amendments, which will include allowing agricultural fleets to report only vehicles that qualify for the agricultural vehicle provisions by the March 31, 2010 reporting date. Staff is also proposing that vehicles that do not qualify for these provisions will not have to report until January 31, 2011.

Discussion Regarding the Agricultural Provisions and Vehicle Types

- Members expressed concern regarding the mileage thresholds set for qualifying agricultural vehicles and felt that most of the agricultural community will not qualify for the provisions because they exceed the 20,000 and 25,000 mile limits.
- Members discussed issues regarding the definition of a “farmer owned vehicle” as it pertains to yard trucks and requested that ARB provide clarification regarding who is the responsible party for leased and rented vehicles used in agricultural operations. ARB staff agreed to discuss the issue with management and work with the subcommittee to improve readability of the explanation.

Action Items

- ARB will forward a draft of the Agricultural Vehicle Matrix to all subcommittee members for input and review.
- ARB will provide a report on the number of agricultural fleets that reported by the March 31, 2010 deadline.
- At the next subcommittee meeting, include a discussion on proposed amendments to the regulation that may impact agricultural fleets pertaining to incentive funding. ARB staff will coordinate with staff from the Carl Moyer Program to attend the next subcommittee meeting and provide information to members that can be brought back to the agricultural community.
- ARB will provide information regarding the timeline for selecting “specialty vehicles”, and ARB guidelines for determining if a submitted reporting form is incomplete.