

## Today's Presenters

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Isabel C. Chacon is the Clean Cities Coordinator for the Alamo Area Clean Cities Coalition in San Antonio, TX. She has worked for the Alamo Area Council of Governments for 4 1/2 years. She performed various technical analyses on the air quality in the San Antonio region for approximately 4 years and now coordinates the Clean Cities program with approximately 35 stakeholders.

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Mr. Dayton has a Masters Degree in Community and Regional Planning from UT at Austin. After serving four years in the Navy, he has worked with various natural resource and environmental programs in state government for almost 20 years, including water resource planning, solid waste planning, and air quality programs. He has been assigned to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) program at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality since the program inception in 2001. He currently manages the team that administers the TERP grant applications and contracting processes.

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Donald J. Lewis is the Fleet Manager and coordinator of the Alternative Fuels Group for the Texas Department of Transportation. Donald, a native Texan, was reared in Temple, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. His professional career, which began as Design Engineer with an Austin aerospace defense company, moved through engineering management to position as International Program Manager prior to his joining the Department in 1991.

Donald manages a fleet consisting of 17,000 pieces of equipment having a combined replacement value of over \$500,000. Donald supervises a staff of four field representatives and one statistician. Donald is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). He is also a current member of the Texas Railroad Commission' (RRC) Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) Advisory Committee and a recent past member of the Texas Fuel Cell Initiative Advisory Committee.

He has presented papers as well as be published on the topic of air quality, alternative fuels and fleet management both domestically and abroad to the SAE, the IANGV, the American Society Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the National Research Council's Transportation Research Board (TRB), the Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition's NGV Institute, DOE CLEAN CITIES, and the Texas Fuel Cell Initiative Advisory Committee.

Recipient of the 2003 M.D. ("Mac") Shelby Award by the Center for Transportation Research/ University of Texas at Austin in recognition of excellence as Research Project Director for TxDOT. Recipient of the 2003 TxDOT Research Program "Outstanding Project Director" Award by the Texas Department of Transportation in appreciation of outstanding efforts in vehicle fuel research.

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Mr. Merwarth has worked in the propane and natural gas industries for more than 30 years, serving in all aspects from service technician to regional safety director for a national propane supplier. His responsibilities have included ensuring safety, regulatory compliance, and operating efficiencies in all areas of operations. Mike has been a regional industrial sales consultant, developing markets in Central Texas, the Rio Grande Valley, Central Louisiana and Northern New Mexico.

He has served as corporate liaison to the Texas Railroad Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Department of Public Safety and as a member of the Technical and Standards Committee for the Texas Propane Gas Association.

He has been directly involved in the management of large, propane-fueled fleets, providing technical and safety guidance and ensuring regulatory compliance with state and federal agencies. He is a Certified Safety Trainer and holds a Category E management certification from the Texas Railroad Commission.

Married, he and his wife, Cathy, have just celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They live in San Antonio, Texas, and have two married children, five grandchildren and one more due in May.

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Stacy Neef has coordinated the Central Texas Clean Cities coalition since 2000, promoting the use of alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles in the five county region in Central Texas. In 2004, the DOE supported Clean Cities program has expanded to include anti idling technologies and practices, electric-hybrid vehicles, fuel blends, and fuel economy as additional means to reduce national consumption of foreign oil. The Central Texas Clean Cities coalition works closely with municipal, and state fleets to maintain EPAAct compliance. The Coalition is active with private fleets and the Clean Air Coalition to maintain attainment status for emissions reduction efforts.

Some of the CTCC coalition's most recent accomplishments include the opening of two public access propane fueling stations, providing scholarships to fleet managers to attend the National Clean Cities Conference and other workshops, providing educational opportunities for fleet managers. She was awarded the Coordinator of the Year award for the 9 state Central DOE Region.

Prior to working with the Clean Cities program, Stacy developed and coordinated recycling and waste collection efforts in Bastrop County and the City of Brenham. Stacy has two children, Marc 21 and Laurel 17. She and her husband raise and show Paint horses.

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Wade has many years of experience working on air quality issues. He is the former Executive Director of the CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas and played a key role in the work that led to the signing of the Early Action Compact, keeping the region in attainment of the 8-hour ozone standard until at least 2007. Prior to joining the CLEAN AIR Force, he was with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) from 1997-1999 as Clean Cities Coordinator during the early days of the DOE program. He also worked for more than ten years with the American Lung Association of Texas as Director of Government Relations and Director of Environmental Health. From 2004-2005, he served as project manager for the TCEQ/NTRD grant funded testing of the Eco-Systems retrofit device conducted by Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories in Houston.

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