



Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
March 4, 2015

1. Community and Business Outreach

- **Local Events** - Clean Air Partners is planning for the 2015 community outreach. Outreach will include participating in local events through-out the Baltimore-Washington region.

2. Curriculum and Outreach

- **Slogan Contest** – Clean Air Partners held its 4th annual slogan contest for local middle and elementary students. Students in grades 4-8 were asked to submit a creative slogan that brings to light solutions to air pollution and climate change and inspire people to take actions to improve our region's air quality. We received over 200 contest submissions.

The winners are:

Category One: Grades 4-6

"Take a bike, plant a tree, make the world a better place for you and me."

Faiza Ibrahim, Crossfield Elementary School, Fairfax County, VA

Category Two: Grades 7-8

"Pollution is ruining the air. We can't afford not to care!"

Charlotte Zolper, South County Middle School, Fairfax County, VA

- **Poster Contest** – The official notice for the Clean Air Partners Poster Contest was sent to area schools and is available on our website. The theme this year comes from our Slogan Contest, *Pollution is ruining the air. We can't afford not to care!* Posters need to be submitted by March 13, 2015 and the contest is open to area students in grades four through eight.
- **Science Fairs** – This year Clean Air Partners will again be involved in ten local science fairs throughout the region. Projects relating to air quality will be evaluated with awards presented at our Annual Celebration.

3. Comment Letter on EPA's Revised Ozone Standard

Clean Air Partners will submit comments to EPA on their proposal to revise the ozone standard. Clean Air Partners supports the range of the proposed standard, 65-70ppb, as being more protective of public health and the environment. Clean Air Partners also support EPA's proposal to revise the Air Quality Index at the same time that it finalizes the revised ozone standard.

4. Meetings

- **Annual Celebration/Awards** – The Clean Air Partners Annual Awards will be held on May 13th at The Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, VA.
- **Executive Committee** – The Executive Committee will meet on March 19th to focus on the fiscal year 2016 work program and budget.
- **Annual Business/Board Meeting** – The Annual Business meeting will take place on April 16th. During the meeting, the Board will approve the FY2016 work program and budget and elect new members.