

What's New with the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council?

Thank you for checking in! We appreciate your interest in the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council.

Earlier this year, as required by the statute that created the 14-member council, the panel presented its Air Quality Plan to the 2007 Idaho Legislature. As stated in the statute, lawmakers were required to reject the plan in whole or in part if they disagreed with it - there was no formal yes or no vote and the plan was accepted as it was submitted by the council. The legislature's inaction was, in effect, an endorsement.

The next phase is to collect legislative input on implementation of the emissions testing program as outlined in the plan. Legislative leaders assigned that task to the standing Interim Committee on Energy, Environment and Technology. The council is making preparations to present the Conclusions and Recommendations of the plan to the interim committee sometime this summer. As of yet, no date for the presentation has been set.

In the time since the Idaho Legislature accepted the plan, the council has formed two internal work groups to create forward-thinking recommendations for the full council's consideration. The work groups are developing tangible concepts regarding the establishment of a vehicle emissions testing program in Ada and Canyon counties and the development of a public education process to improve community understanding and participation in the plan's objective – to preserve good air quality in the Treasure Valley.

It's anticipated a council meeting will take place in early August. When a date and location for this meeting are confirmed, details will be posted on this website. As always, council meetings are open to the public.