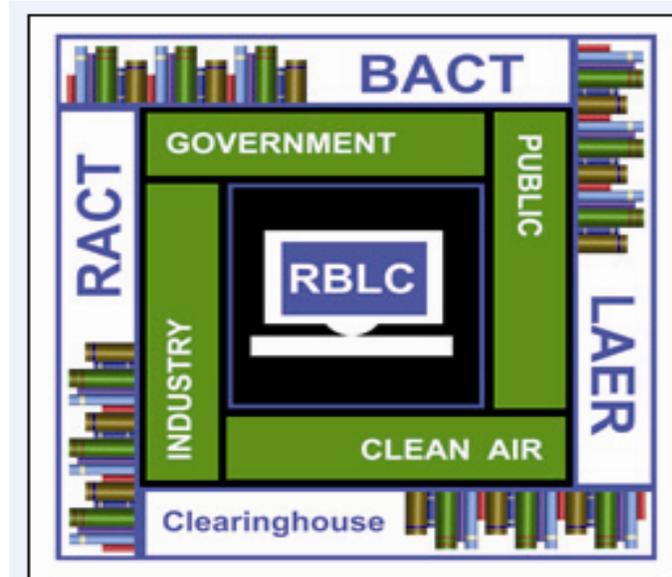


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RBLC Background

General RBLC Information

- OAQPS initiative in early 1980's to promote the NSR Program.
- "Required" in 1990 CAAA Amendments (Sec. 108(h)).
- Contains 6000 records - primarily BACT decisions.
- Contains historical records (as early as the mid-1970's)

RBLC Background

General RBLC Information (Cont'd)

- Receives 300 - 400 new permit records per year.
- Includes a Regulation data base summarizing all OAQPS emission standards.
- Spanish version of RBLC is now available on-line.
- The RBLC will accept entries from Canada & Mexico in 2008.

Who are our external clients?

(Based on Historical Information)

- Industry & their contractors (NSR permit preparation).
- State and local Permitting Agencies (reviewing NSR applications).
- EPA & Other Federal Agencies.
- Others (Environmental Groups, General Public, etc).

Who are our internal clients?

- NSR Group, AQPD, OAQPS (or its contractors).
- SPPD Sector Groups (or their contractors) in rulemaking Activities.
- EPA International Programs (emerging).
- Potential host for PM_{2.5} RACT SIP and new VOC CTG requirements.

What is the RBLC's Reprogram?

- Integrate the RBLC with SPPD Sector Programs.
- Support Continuous Emission Reductions.

Integrate the RBLC with SPPD Sector Programs

- RBLC will continue to compile information on Best Available Technologies and Achievable Emission Limits.
- RBLC will supply sector experts with this critical information to sustain their knowledge and expertise.

Integrate the RBLC with SPPD Sector Programs (Cont'd)

- Sector experts will use the information gained through the RBLC to make control strategy decisions.
- Sector experts will perform a technical review of incoming RBLC data and provide feedback to improve the quality of RBLC data.

Support Regulatory Programs

- Need to look at additional ways to streamline & optimize the RBLC & other OAQPS system to promote continuous emissions reductions programs.
- Linking or combining related OAQPS data bases addresses this need & promotes effective & efficient decision making.

Support Regulatory Programs (Cont'd)

- Initial efforts will consider the feasibility of linking/combing the RBLC with the Monitoring Knowledge Base (MKB) (compliance verification/monitoring) and WebFIRE (emission factors).
- The feasibility of a more inclusive system to support emission reductions from permit application to compliance verification will also be examined.

RBLC Strategy Summary

- Integrate RBLC with the Sector program to improve our expertise & improve RBLC data quality.
- Reduce cost by internalizing data acquisition/quality control activities.
- Consider linking/combing/streamlining OAQPS data bases to promote continuous emissions reductions.