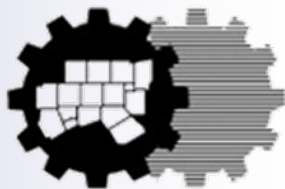


# **ACHIEVING EMISSION REDUCTIONS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY FROM THE LOCAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Clean Air Through Energy  
Efficiency (CATEE) Conference  
December 16, 2008**



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# ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES

## Regional Emissions Enforcement Program

- Reduce Number of Fictitious/Counterfeit Inspection Certificates**
- Identify Stations/Inspectors Performing Improper Inspections**
- Conduct Covert Operations**
- Prosecute for Counterfeit Inspection Certificates**
- Enforce Truck Lane Restrictions**
- Support Anti-Idling Restrictions**
- Enforce Smoking Vehicle Statute**
- Train Local Law Enforcement Officers**



## Collaboration

- Partner with Dallas County Emissions Enforcement Program Task Force to Conduct Covert Operations on State Vehicle Emissions Inspection Stations**

# ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES

## Local Initiatives

**Dedicated One Full-Time Constable to Emissions Enforcement Program**

**Conducted Visual Check of Emissions Inspection and Registration Certificates of Vehicles Parked in Public Parking Lots and Placed Information Cards on Windshields Encouraging Owners to Bring Vehicles Into Compliance:**

**30% of Owners Brought Their Vehicle Into Compliance Within 24 Hours**

**75% of Owners Brought Their Vehicle Into Compliance Within 14 Days**



Photo: NCTCOG

# ENERGY EFFICIENT MEASURES

## Local Initiatives

**Utilize High Efficiency Fluorescent Lighting in All County Buildings**

**SECO\* Energy Efficiency Audit  
Renovated Courthouse meets all  
Recommendations**

**Incorporating Recommended Jail  
Improvements with All Remodels or  
Expansions**

**Joined Public Power Pool (P<sup>3</sup>)  
Saves Money, Manages Risk, and  
Ensures Superior Contract Terms**

**Green Power: Complies with the State's  
Renewable/Green Portfolio Standard**

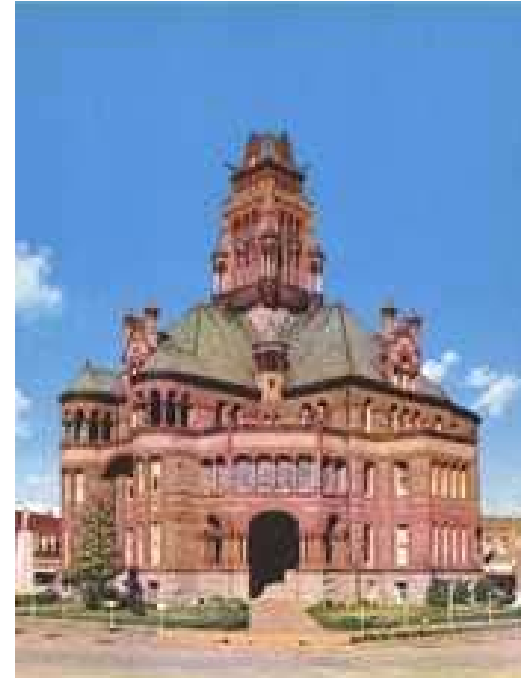


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# TEXAS CLEAN AIR WORKING GROUP

## 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislative Session Recommendations

**Support Modifications to the:**

**Texas Emissions Reduction Plan**

**AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program**

**Inspection & Maintenance Program**

**Locally Enforced Motor Vehicle Idling Limitations**

## Leadership Role

**Provide Legislative Foundation for Other Organizations:**

**North Texas Commission**

**Dallas Regional Chamber**

**Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce**

**Texas Businesses for Clean Air**

**North Texas Clean Air Steering Committee**

**Plus Many Other Groups/Organizations**

# OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

## Support Regional Air Quality Initiatives

**AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program**

**Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Partnership Program**

**Regional Smoking Vehicle Program**

**North Central Texas Clean Air Steering Committee**

**Regional Energy Efficiency & Emissions Reduction Initiatives Roundtable**



**Don't Choke, Call #SMOKE**





# **SUMMARY**

## **Issues to Consider**

**The Lower the Standard, the More Stringent the Strategies**

**Partnerships Between Boundary Lines Are Essential**

**Investigate, Take Advantage of, and Implement Findings through Energy Efficiency Audits**

**Lead by Example**

**Future Generations Are Counting on Decisions Made Today**