

The logo is a circular emblem with a blue background. At the top, the text "CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA" is written in white, following the curve of the top edge. In the center, the letters "CSRA" are prominently displayed in a large, light blue, stylized font. Below "CSRA", the words "AIR QUALITY ALLIANCE" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, also following the curve of the inner circle. At the bottom, the words "GEORGIA" and "SOUTH CAROLINA" are written in white, separated by a small white asterisk. The entire logo is overlaid with a large, bold, black text block.

# **CSRA AIR QUALITY ALLIANCE**

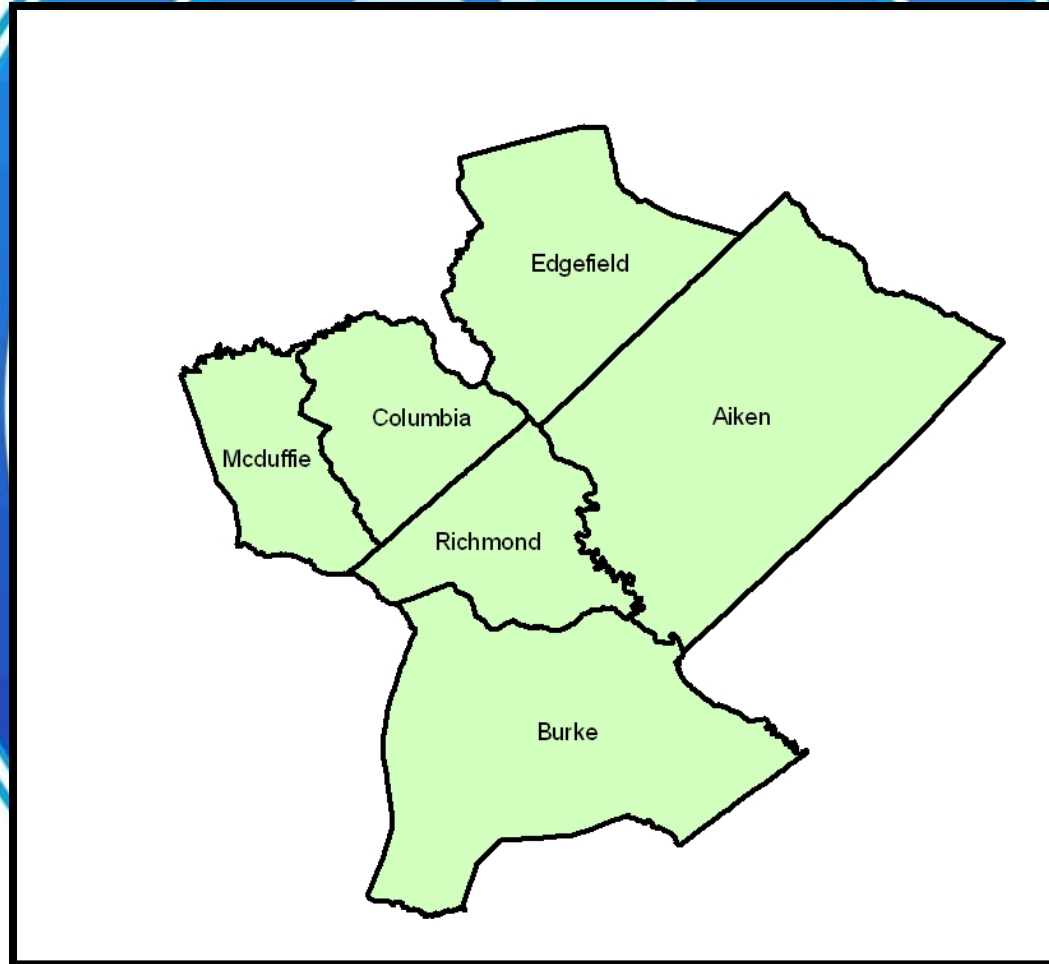
**STAKEHOLDER MEETING  
Thursday, March 11, 2010  
Misty Lake SCE&G Recreational  
Center**

**“Working Hard So You Can Breathe Easy”**

# OVERVIEW OF THE ALLIANCE

- **Purpose:** Implement local and regional initiatives to improve air quality in a cooperative, proactive manner.
- **Stakeholders** include federal, state, and local government agencies, industry, utilities, military, local boards of education, universities and technical colleges, state legislators, local development authorities, health care and others.
- Prompted by recent changes to the Particulate Matter and Ozone standards.
- Builds on initiatives implemented as part of the Early Action Compact (2002 – 2007).

# ALLIANCE TARGET AREA



# MEETINGS TO DATE

- **February 22, 2007** – Julian Smith BBQ Pit, Augusta, GA
- **March 29, 2007** – Julian Smith BBQ Pit, Augusta, GA
- **May 3, 2007** – Misty Lake Recreation Area, North Augusta, SC
- **August 8, 2007** – Julian Smith Casino, Augusta, GA
- **March 27, 2008** – Julian Smith BBQ Pit, Augusta, GA
- **October 15, 2008** – Misty Lake Recreation Area, North Augusta, SC
- **April 1, 2009** – Julian Smith BBQ Pit, Augusta, GA

# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- Established Three Technical Groups
  1. Education and Outreach
  2. Heavy-Duty Diesel
  3. Regulatory
- Technical Group Activities
  1. Identify “Easy” and “Hard” to Implement Initiatives
  2. Identify resources needed to implement initiatives (internal and external)
  3. Implement Initiatives
  4. Provide updates to the Alliance

# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INITIATIVES

1. Stakeholder Meetings and Technical Group Meetings
2. Website - <http://www.csra-airquality-alliance.com/index.html>
3. Distribute Information at Special Events such as the “Time to Care” Fair in Downtown Augusta
4. Presentations in Area Schools
5. Air Quality Articles in Quarterly Newsletter of the Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS)
6. Air Quality Updates at ARTS Committee Meetings
7. Education and Notification about Outdoor Burning Restrictions and Pending Prescribed Burns

# HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL INITIATIVES

1. Anti-Idling Policies – Both Formal and Informal Anti-idling Policies Area School Systems
2. School Bus Fleet Replacement and Diesel Engine Retrofits
3. Installation of GPS Units on School Buses to Monitor Speed and Idling.
4. Establishing No-idle Work Policies for Truck Fleets at Local Companies.
5. Local Company Vehicle and Equipment Retrofits.
6. Augusta Public Transit Hybrid Bus Purchase.
7. Tax Incentive and Grants for Public and Private Production and Use of Bio-diesel.

# ADDITIONAL EMISSION REDUCTION INITIATIVES

- Solar Energy Tax Credits and Purchase of “Green Energy”.
- Savannah River Site Biomass Steam Plant.
- Bridgestone Firestone Fuel-cell Forklifts.
- Aiken County Hydrogen Fueling Station.
- North Augusta Lawn Mower Exchange Program.
- City of Augusta’s Vehicle Oversight Program.



# REGULATORY INITIATIVES

1. Seasonal Open Burning Ban in 54 Georgia Counties including Richmond and Columbia County
2. Stage I Vapor Recovery Program (Richmond and Columbia Counties)
3. South Carolina Forestry Commission Smoke Management Guidelines.
4. Controls on Prescribed Burns:  
Savannah River Site – Adheres to SCFC Smoke Management Guidelines.  
Fort Gordon – Adheres to US Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion November 12, 2008 and Basic Smoke Management Plan of Georgia.

# TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

1. Partnership with Georgia Clean Air Campaign
  - Commuter Rewards Program
2. Bridgestone Firestone Preferred Parking for Carpoolers
3. City of Augusta Four-Day Work Week Option
4. State of Georgia Telework Tax Credit
5. North Augusta Park and Ride Facility
6. Bike Racks on Transit Vehicles
7. Safe Routes to School Program
8. Expansion and Improvement of Bike and Pedestrian Systems.

# THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. Volunteer for One of the Technical Groups
2. Urge others to join the Alliance
3. Share information about ongoing air quality initiatives we might not be aware of
4. Assist in update of Action Plan for Cleaner Air
5. Help Spread the Word About the Alliance



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