
TEXAS CLEAN AIR CITIES COALITION

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COALITION'S EFFORTS HONORED BY U.S. EPA AT CLIMATE PROTECTION AWARDS CEREMONY

(Washington, D.C. - May 19, 2008)—Founder/former Chair of the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition (TCACC) and former Dallas Mayor Laura Miller was among the 39 individuals, organizations and companies from around the world that EPA recognized Monday for outstanding efforts to protect the Earth's climate and ozone layer.

Producer and activist Laurie David, chairman of the IPCC and Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Pachauri, Argentina's Secretary of Environment Romina Picolotti, and the Chinese Negotiating Team to the Montreal Protocol were also on the list. The award recipients have demonstrated ingenuity, leadership and public purpose by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, negotiating international agreements to protect the ozone layer and climate, and spreading awareness about the importance of climate and ozone layer protection.

The 2008 Climate Protection Award winners have contributed greatly to scientific understanding of climate change and its impacts on human health and the environment. They also generated wind and solar power on-site, increased energy efficiency, introduced new technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from mining, and slashed the use of potent non-CO₂ greenhouse gases.

The 2008 Ozone Layer Protection Award winners strengthened the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, leading to faster phase-out of ozone depleting substances called HCFCs in developing countries. Since HCFCs are also potent greenhouse gases, this also helps protect the earth's climate. The winners are also eliminating ozone-depleting substances in helping to eliminate ozone depleting substances in medical, agricultural, and shipping applications where alternatives are difficult to implement.

The awards were presented at a ceremony Monday at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Since the annual Ozone Layer Protection Awards began in 1990, EPA has honored 533 individuals and organizations from 46 different countries. EPA began the Climate Protection Awards in 1998 and has so far recognized 154 individuals and organizations from 18 countries for outstanding efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Laura Miller, Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition

City of Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, through sheer determination and organizational and persuasive leadership, led a group of Mayors representing 36 Texas cities, counties and school districts to form the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition that successfully challenged the approval of 17 new coal-fired power plants that would have added well over one hundred million tons of CO₂ to the atmosphere each year. Mayor Miller and the Coalition protested the approval of the additional coal plants in order to preserve Texas air quality, keep the areas of Waco, Austin and East Texas from going into non-attainment, and to lower carbon emissions. In particular, the TCACC intervened against TXU's eight proposed coal units across Texas that would have added 30,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, over 115 million tons of CO₂, and nearly 4,000 pounds of toxic mercury each year. Due to the Coalition's efforts, the Administrative Judges allowed discovery regarding carbon dioxide emissions and climate change. This ruling presented the first of its kind during

Texas permitting processes. TXU subsequently cancelled the construction of all eight of its plants. Miller, a former journalist who served as Mayor from 2002 to 2007, is now working as Director of Projects Texas with Colorado-based Summit Power to build the first commercially viable IGCC (Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle) power plant with CCS (Carbon Capture and Sequestration) in the United States.

2008 Climate Protection Award Winners:

Advanced Micro Devices
Austin Energy
City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
Climate Protection Team of Mr. Durwood Zaelke & Mr. Scott Stone
Ms. Gay Browne
Mr. John Morrill
Mr. Kenneth Davis
Ms. Laura Miller, TCACC
Ms. Laurie David
Life Cycle Analysis Team of Dr. Stella Papasavva & William R. Hill
Mr. Marco Gonzalez
MEGTEC Systems
Ms. Romina Picolotti
Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri
Xerox Corporation

2008 Ozone Layer Protection Award Winners:

Dr. Husamuddin Ahmadzai
Asada Corporation
Dr. Paul Atkins
Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Chinese Negotiating Team for the 19th Meeting of the Parties
Civil Aviation Halon Transition Team
Climate Co-Benefits of the Montreal Protocol Science Team
Dr. Corrado Clini
Mr. James Curlin
Dr. Arumugam Duraisamy
Dr. David Fahey
Fiji National Ozone Unit
Mr. Maas Goote
HCFC Phaseout Acceleration Team
Mr. Mazen Hussein
Kingdom of Bahrain National Ozone Unit
Ms. Ana Maria Kleymeyer
Dr. Michael Kurylo
Kuwait National Ozone Committee
Dr. Kazufumi Nishi
Nordiko Quarantine Systems
Mr. Sateev Seebaluck
Dr. W.L. Sumathipala
World Customs Organization, Asia Pacific Capacity Building

For further information and to learn what winners did to earn the EPA's Climate and Ozone Layer Protection Awards, visit: www.epa.gov/cppd/climateawards and www.epa.gov/ozone/awards .

For more on the Coalition's efforts, visit www.greendallas.net/texas_cities.html

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