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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

NJ DEP
401 East State Street
Trenton, NJ

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	Joseph Constance opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All of the Council members were present with the changed noted below.
EXCUSED	Leonard Bielory Manuel Fuentes-Cotto Robert Laumbach James Requa Nicky Sheats Joseph Spatola
REPRESENTED	Kenneth Thoman by Bob Weber, IBEW Sara Bluhm by David Brogan, NJBIA

Meeting Record

Discussion of hearing report for commissioner and presented. Talk of joint meeting with SBI. Joint meeting date set for Thursday, November 6th in NJDEP Public Hearing Room.

Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Division of Air Quality

1. Ozone health standard exceedances – On June 10, there were 3 exceedances of the 75 ppb ozone NAAQS at Rider, New Brunswick and Bayonne monitoring sites. There have been only 2 ozone day exceedances so far this summer.
2. EPA Science Advisors recommend lowering Ozone NAAQS – On 6/26/14, the Clean Air Science Advisory Committee (CASAC) stated that there is clear scientific support to lower the ozone health standard to a level between 60 and 70 ppb. CASAC also recommended a new secondary standard for protection of plants.
3. Federal air pollution transport rule – On 6/26/14, EPA filed a motion to lift the lower court's stay of the Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) since the Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision and upheld the EPA rule. NJ emissions are already well below the CSAPR caps for NO_x and SO₂ because of NJ air pollution control requirements. CSAPR was designed for the old 85 ppb NAAQS and needs to be updated for the 75 ppb NAAQS, including daily NO_x limits to address high energy demand day emissions from electric generating units. EPA is working on an update to CSAPR.
4. Emission Statement deadline extended – Because of technical issues with NJDEP's portal for electronic reporting, the air program extended the deadline for submittal of Emission Statements from 6/16/14 to 6/27/14. Almost all facilities submitted by the extended deadline.
5. Milestone for Construction Vehicle filter retrofits – The goal of retrofitting 175 filters on equipment used on Department of Transportation construction projects was completed on time by June 20, 2014. Over the summer, the air program will evaluate the operation and benefits of the pilot retrofits, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order 60. Stakeholder meetings will be scheduled for the fall for possible expansion of retrofit requirements for construction equipment used on NJ government contracts.
6. EPA Smart Way program expansion recommended - EPA's Mobile Source Technical Review Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee recommended expanding Smart Way, to include marine, air freight and non- road mobile equipment. Report available at <http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/meetings.html>
7. New sewage sludge incinerator approved – On 6/18/14, a preconstruction permit was approved for a \$60 million, 110 dry ton per day, sewage sludge incinerator to be located at the Parsippany Troy Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant. State of the art air pollution control was required to minimize emissions. Also, limits were set on the heavy metal content of the sludge, consistent with what has been achieved by NJ pretreatment programs. Up to 40% of the sludge may come from other states.
8. Straw Fired boiler proposed for greenhouse - A permit application was submitted by Harmony Greenhouses (and has since been approved) to burn about 1000 lbs per hour of straw in a new biomass boiler with bag house control of particle emissions.
9. Community air monitoring projects – EPA Region 2 made \$176,000 available for community air monitoring studies in overburdened communities, provided the work is complete by June 2016. The air program plans to submit 2 project proposals and has reached out to the Ironbound Community Corporation in Newark and Future City Inc in Elizabeth to partner with NJDEP on these projects. Linda Bonanno is the NJDEP projects manager.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles

NEXT MEETING

No August Meeting

September 10, 2014

**Chamber of Commerce
216 West State Street, Trenton**

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Meetings through 2014:

Wednesday, October 8th at NJDEP

Thursday, November 6th at NJDEP – joint meeting

Wednesday, December 10th and IBEW