

--NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

NJ DEP
401 East State Street
7th floor & Public Hearing Room
Trenton, NJ

Tuesday, April 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 and Manuel Fuentes-Cotto
REPRESENTED	Kenneth Thoman by Bob Weber, IBEW
PUBLIC	Allen Weston, NJ Association of Counties
	Public Hearing attendance is on file.

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Joseph Constance called for the motion to approve the March minutes. Richard Opiekun made the motion to approve minutes as submitted; Sara Bluhm seconded the motion. The March minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Public hearing began at 9:30am.

Administrative Report

Presented by William O'Sullivan, Division of Air Quality

1. Air Quality Ozone Standard – The USEPA Region 2 staff verbally notified air staff that they are preparing a Federal Notice proposal to find the air quality in the Northern New Jersey – New York City – Long Island – Connecticut ozone nonattainment area is not meeting the 85 ppb ozone standard anymore. Ozone levels were very high in Connecticut in 2013.
2. OTC Stakeholder meeting – On April 10, 2014, the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) Committees sought input from stakeholders on control of NO_x from power plants and better replacement catalysts on cars. In June, the OTC Commissioners will consider stakeholder input and committee recommendations.
3. Grant Application - The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) responded favorably to an application submitted by the Bureau of Mobile Sources in November 2013, seeking \$600,000 in additional funding to complete the 175 diesel construction retrofits required under Executive Order 60.
4. Public Transit - The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) released its Public Transportation Ridership Report (4th Quarter 2013) on March 10, 2014. The report lists an increased number of trips taken by public transportation in New Jersey.
5. PSEG Sewaren – 625 MW of combined cycle gas fired turbines were approved for construction. If constructed, these would replace old inefficient gas fired boilers.
6. Improved NO_x control – Approval was issued for the installation of an SCR system to control emissions of NO_x from the existing 72 megawatt (MW) High Electric Demand Day (HEDD) turbine located at the Mickleton Energy Center.
7. Gloucester County Utilities Authority and Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority - Initial operating permit applications were received for adding mercury air pollution control to sludge incinerators, consistent with new federal requirements.
8. Parsippany-Troy Hills Plant - The Bureau of Air Permits (BAP) plans to propose a Draft Preconstruction Permit (PCP) for public comment for Synagro's proposed \$60 million sewage sludge incineration (SSI) facility at the Parsippany-Troy Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This project also includes a steam turbine for heat recovery and electricity generation. Up to 40% of the sludge would be from out of state.
9. Newark Transfer Station - The Bureau of Air Permits (BAP) received an application from Advanced Enterprise Recycling seeking approval to expand the waste types the transfer station is allowed to accept to include Type 25 Waste (Food and Animal Waste). The facility is currently permitted to accept municipal waste and bail it for transport.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles

PRESENTATION

PowerPoint slides from public hearing on the website

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Thomas Edison State College

101 West State Street

Room 103

Trenton, NJ 08625

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