

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

PJM
2750 Monroe Blvd.
Audubon, PA

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT All of the Council members were present with the changed noted below.

EXCUSED Leonard Bielory
Joseph Constance
Howard Geduldig
Toby Hanna
Robert Laumbach
James Requa
Joseph Spatola

REPRESENTED Michael Egenton by Kimberly Scarborough PSEG

Meeting Record

- There was not a vote to approve February minutes; the council did not have a quorum.
- PJM gave a PowerPoint presentation overview.
- The council agreed it was necessary to have a pre-meeting to the hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at NJDEP.
- Eric Svenson made a motion to adjourn; John Valeri seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.

Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Division of Air Quality

1. I&M Program – Four bidders responded to the RFP for a new contract to operate a changed Inspection and Maintenance (I&M) program starting in May 2016. At that time initial tailpipe testing would be discontinued. Revisions to NJDEP rules to reflect the changes to the I&M program are scheduled to be proposed in April, with a hearing in May. DMV is developing materials to notify motorists of the changes.
2. Lab relocation study – In response to another RFP, four consultants submitted proposals to evaluate the feasibility of moving the air monitoring and pesticides lab operations from their current location to the NJ Department of Health building in Ewing.
3. Gas Fired Emergency Generator Operating Permit (GOP) – On 2/17/16, a new GOP was issued for major facilities to install gas fired emergency generators with a GOP. A GOP for major facilities is analogous to a General Permit (GP) for minor facilities. These permits allow facilities to register qualifying new emergency generators and immediately install and operate them, without a case by case permit review. This GOP was developed as a response to hurricane Sandy, to encourage the installation of gas fired emergency generators, which emit less air pollution than diesel units and provide fuel diversity during an emergency. GPs and GOPs also streamline air permitting decisions, while maintaining protection of air quality.
4. VW vehicle emissions fraud – On 2/6/16, NJ sued Volkswagen Group of America, accusing the car maker of a “massive fraud” in the sale of cars with diesel engines equipped with software that shut off air pollution controls. Because of NJ’s dense population, the higher emissions from these high emitting cars have a greater adverse impact on the public in NJ than most other areas.
5. Sewaren Power Plant Project - On 3/8/16, the NJDEP air permit program held a hearing on applications for a new 585 MW combined cycle gas turbine project, which would replace existing old, inefficient and higher emitting electric generating units at this existing power plant. No testimony was provided at the hearing.
6. Power Plant Projects - A total of 2618 MWs of applications (including Sewaren discussed in item 5) for new electric generating units are being evaluated by the air permit program. (A list of these applications was shared with the Council.) All but 128 MW are combined cycle units. All are primarily fueled by natural gas, with ultra-low sulfur oil as backup fuel. Another 2194 MW of potential electric generating projects have had pre application meetings. New gas fired power projects have resulted in a downward trend for imports of electricity into NJ and reduction of NJ’s dependence on coal burning power plants in Penn and other states to the west and southwest. NJ could become a net electricity exporter if a substantial number of these projects are approved and constructed.

7. CPP Rate Based Handout - A 3/3/16 update of the “Rough Accounting for Hypothetical NJ Rate Based Program” was shared with the CAC. (It was subsequently revised again on 3/12/16.) This is an estimate of the ranges of Emission Rate Credits (ERCs) required by NJ CPP regulated facilities and ERCs that might be generated by NJ’s programs to increase energy efficiency, renewable energy and combined heat and power. While there may be sufficient allowances under some scenarios, unless EPA CPP rules are significantly modified, NJ cannot comply with the USEPA CPP rules.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles
PowerPoint given by PJM (on website)

NEXT MEETING

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January 13	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing
February 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
March 9	PJM, 2750 Monroe Blvd, Audubon, PA
April 13	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
April 28 (Thurs)	Public Hearing – Thomas Edison State University, 111 W. State St., Trenton, NJ
May 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
June 8	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
July 14 (Thurs)	<i>Present to Commissioner?? – NJDEP, 5th floor – TENTATIVE</i>
August	No meeting?
September 14	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, <i>Michael Egerton</i>
October 12	NJ Business & Industry Association, 10 West Lafayette Street Trenton, NJ
November 9	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
December 14	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, NJ