

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER	John Valeri opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All Council members were present with the changes noted below.
EXCUSED	Timothy Fekete Andrew McNally Scott Ross Allen Weston
PUBLIC	Kimberly Scarborough, PSEG Adam Neuman, IBEW Joann Held
NJ DEP Staff	Francis Steitz Ken Ratzman Heidi Jones

Meeting Record

- Michael Egenton made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes; Leonard Bielory seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.
- The 2021 hearing report is in its final stages of review and editing; will present to the Commissioner at July's meeting.
- Hearing topics for 2022 was discussed; the hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022.
- Leonard Bielory made a motion to adjourn; Michael Egenton seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:37am.

Administrative Report

Presented by Francis Steitz, Director of Air Quality

- 1. NJ PACT Rulemaking** -- On May 20, 2021, Air Quality held a public hearing on the first NJPACT Climate Pollutant Reduction (CPR) rule – the Advanced Clean Trucks and Fleet Reporting rule. Over 90 people participated, with 35 testifying. The comment period closes on June 18, 2021.
- 2. Revisions to Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) State Implementation Plan**—On May 18, 2021, New Jersey proposed a revision to its State Implementation Plan (SIP) for **the Attainment and Maintenance of the 1971 Primary and Secondary Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in the Warren County Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area. This Redesignation Request and Limited Maintenance Plan** acknowledges the improvement in outdoor sulfur dioxide air quality by demonstrating that SO₂ levels are currently well below 85 percent of the SO₂ NAAQS and includes:
 - a. A limited maintenance plan requesting the USEPA redesignate the Warren County nonattainment area in attainment in accordance with the Clean Air Act.
 - b. Attainment Inventory
 - c. Maintenance Demonstration
 - d. Monitoring Network
 - e. Verification of Continued Attainment, and
 - f. Contingency Plan.

Written comments will be accepted until July 18, 2021, and copies of the Proposed SIP may be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/sip/SO2SIP.html>

- 3. Revisions to Ozone State Implementation Plan** -- On May 26, 2021, New Jersey proposed a revision to its State Implementation Plan (SIP) for requirements related to the 2008 75 parts per billion (ppb) and the 2015 70 ppb ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The proposed SIP revision includes:
 - a. New Jersey's plan for attaining the 2008 75 ppb 8-hour ozone standard in its Northern New Jersey multi-state nonattainment area by the July 20, 2021 attainment date.
 - b. A Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) analysis to address both ozone standards.
 - c. New Jersey's Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) permitting program to address both ozone standards, including the required NNSR Program Compliance Certifications.
 - d. The State's 2017 periodic emission inventory for criteria pollutants that will also be the base year inventory for the Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) demonstration for the 2015 70 ppb 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

Written comments will be accepted until July 26, 2021, and copies of the Proposed SIP may be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/sip/OA.html>

4. **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Auction** – On June 2, 2021, RGGI held its 2nd auction of 2021, auctioning a total of 22,987,719 allowances. New Jersey auctioned approximately 3 million allowances or 13.1% of the total allowances auctioned. The clearing price at the auction was \$7.97 (increase from \$7.60 in March) generating \$23,937,887 in proceeds for New Jersey.

5. **Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp** -- On May 26, 2021, Air Quality held a virtual public hearing on the Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp draft renewal operating permit. A representative from the Borough of Kenilworth was the only commentor. Kenilworth also testified at the March 30, 2021, public hearing for EF Kenilworth's draft renewal operating permit. The same comments and questions were raised at the Merck hearing as at the EF Kenilworth hearing, including the impact that closing the Merck facility would have since EF Kenilworth supplies their power and steam and the transferability of the permit. The comment period closes on June 25, 2021. Once all the comments are received, the program will draft a response to comment document.

2021 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS (tentative)

Meeting will be 9am – 11:30am, every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

January 20	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
February 17	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
March 17	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
April 21	Public Hearing - Microsoft Teams Meeting.
May 19	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
June 16	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
July 21	Microsoft Teams Meeting. - present report to commissioner (tentative).
August 18	No meeting. (Microsoft Teams Meeting, only if needed)
September 15	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
October 20	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
November 17	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
December 15	Microsoft Teams Meeting.