

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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## New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

**NJ DEP  
401 East State Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Trenton, NJ**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER	Joseph Contance opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All of the Council members were present with the changed noted below.
EXCUSED	Manuel Fuentes-Cotto Nicky Sheats Joseph Spatola
REPRESENTED	Toby Hanna by Kimberly Scarborough, PSE&G
PUBLIC	Allen Weston, NJ Association of Counties Michael Santilli, NJ DEP Nancy Belonzi, Department of State Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council

## **Meeting Record**

- Meeting was called to order at 9:35am and roll call was taken.
- Richard Opiekun made the motion to approve the January minutes as submitted; Howard Geduldig seconded the motion. The January minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- Discussion of 2015 Hearing Topic. Howard Geduldig is organizing a list of speakers.
- Jane Herndon stopped in the meeting to give a quick update about SCOOT and council members asked for her recommendations for speakers for the hearing.
- Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at NJDEP in Public Hearing Room.
- Leonard Bielory made a motion to adjourn; Richard Opiekun seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

## **Administrative Report**

*Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Division of Air Quality*

1. USEPA Guidance and Modelling for Transport of Air Pollution – On 1/22/15, USEPA provided an overview of their next steps to address the transport of air pollution, including a preliminary ozone contribution analysis for the states in the eastern USA. On 4/8/15, EPA will hold a workshop for air directors to discuss requirements for “good neighbor” state implementation plans.
2. USEPA School Bus Grant to Secaucus - Up to 5 pre 2007 school buses will be replaced with a 2014 or newer bus.
3. FY15 federal funding of diesel emission reduction projects - NJ expects to receive at least \$130,000 of funding pursuant to the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) this year. We also plan to apply for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding from transportation planning organizations for diesel engine retrofits or replacements.
4. Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) - Car manufactures may now comply with the zero emission vehicle provisions by pooling ZEVs sold in all the northeastern states that require the California car program. This means NJ will be competing for ZEVs with the other northeastern states.
5. Clean Air Council recommendations on workplace charging incentive program - The Department is developing an implementation plan for the recognition program that the CAC recommended in January.
6. New Car Buyer's study - NESCAUM (Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management) has contracted with the University of California to do a survey in the northeast on attitudes towards electric vehicles. 5 other states outside of the northeast are also participating with the University.
7. Diesels getting cleaner – The Health Effects Institute conducted a 30 month study which exposed rats to exhaust from diesels that met USEPA 2007 standards for reduced fine particle emissions. Unlike previous studies of older diesels, the rats did not develop tumors or precancerous lung changes. This study supports NJDEP's continuing efforts to retrofit or replace pre 2007 diesel engines.
8. Port Authority Updates Clean Air Strategy Plan – On 1/27/15, the Port Authority of NY/NJ released an updated Clean Air Strategy Plan for reducing air contaminant emissions from diesel engines associated with port operations over the next 5 years. The Port also reported on the progress made in the first 5 years.
9. NJ Diesel Retrofit Law implementation coming to a close - With the deadline for funding reduced by 6 months to 7/1/15 by legislation, the Department set a final deadline of 12/31/14 for public entities to submit requests for funding diesel retrofits. About 100 regulated municipal and other government fleets did not meet this deadline. Overall, about 95% of the vehicles covered by the Retrofit Law were included in submittals to the Department. Funds must be spent or encumbered by 7/1/15, which means all NJDEP approvals must be done by 7/1/15. The goal is to have all approved retrofits completed by 12/31/16.

10. Port Ambrose Deepwater Port LNG Terminal project - NJDEP will comment on a draft EIS for an LNG Terminal off the coast of NY. One comment will be on mitigating (offsetting) NOx emissions associated with the proposed terminal, which may impact nonattainment monitors on Long Island, which is part of the NY, NJ, Conn metropolitan air quality control region.
11. Public Hearing on Newark Energy Center – On 2/3/15, the air permit program held a public hearing in Newark on proposed modifications to the natural gas combined cycle power plant nearing completion in Newark. The company proposed lower stacks for emergency diesel engines and a storage tank for sulfuric acid used to treat cooling tower water from PVSC. The comment period ended on 2/17/15.

**ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Newspaper Articles

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ NJ DEP**

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2015 Tentative Meeting Dates & Locations:

January 14	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing, <i>Toby Hanna</i>
February 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
<b>March 11</b>	<b>NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton</b>
April 14 (Tues)	Public Hearing – NJ DEP, NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, Trenton
May 13	Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, <i>Nicky Sheats</i>
June 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
July 7 (Tues)	<i>Present to Commissioner?? – NJDEP, 5<sup>th</sup> floor – TENTATIVE</i>
August	No meeting?
September 9	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, <i>Michael Egenton</i>
October 14	NJ BIA, 10 West Lafayette Street Trenton, NJ 08608, <i>Sara Bluhm</i>
November 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
December 9	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, <i>Bob Weber</i>