

**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, March 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER	Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All of the Council members were present with the changed noted below.
EXCUSED	Howard Geduldig Sandra Howland Michael Egenton John Valeri Eric Svenson
CALLED IN	Leonard Bielory
REPRESENTED	Sara Bluhm by Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council
PUBLIC	Jeff Flatley, NJ Business Action Center Joann Held
NJ DEP Staff	Bill O’Sullivan Frank Steitz Peg Hanna Luis Lim Rudy Zsolway Ky Asral

### Meeting Record

- Robert Weber made the motion to approve the February minutes as submitted; Joseph Constance seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- The brochure was finalized by the NJDEP Communications office; CAC members accepted all changes and the brochure is final. The brochure is posted on the CAC website.
- Presentation was given by Trish Ingelido on the Watershed Ambassadors Program, and another presentation was given by Pete Tenebruso and Mike Matsko on handling air quality data generated by the public. Paul Romano gave a brief overview on the monitors used for air quality testing; the monitors will be available for viewing at the public hearing.
- Public hearing agenda is in the process of being finalized.
- Air Quality Awareness Week letter has been posted on the Clean Air Council webpage.
- Leonard Bielory made a motion to adjourn; Toby Hanna seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

### Administrative Report

*Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Air and Energy Advisor*

1. EPA Hearing on Denial of Petition to Expand OTR - By Federal Register notice dated 2/15/17, EPA announced a public hearing on 3/14/17, on their proposed denial of a petition by 9 states to expand the Ozone Transport Region (OTR) to include an additional 9 states. NJ was not one of the petitioners. EPA stated there are better ways to address interstate transport of air pollution, including section 126 petitions and EPA's recently adopted Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR). CSAPR significantly reduces each state's cap for NOx emissions during the ozone season, starting May 1, 2017.
2. Environmental Justice Advisory Council (EJAC) – EJAC has formed 4 working groups: land, water, air and environmental education/communications. The Air Working Group will initially focus on congestion mitigation for truck corridors surrounding the Camden and Newark/Elizabeth ports. Also, the Environmental Education workgroup is interested in evaluating the current air webpages and making recommendations that will allow the public to more easily find information. This aligns with efforts currently underway in the air program to revamp its webpages to make them more user-friendly.
3. NJ Natural Gas Vehicle Workgroup - The NJ Clean Cities Coalition (NJCCC) has formed a committee to: promote natural gas vehicles and infrastructure; serve as a clearinghouse for funding opportunities; serve as a forum for technical exchange of information; and facilitate training and education on the benefits and safe use of natural gas vehicles and infrastructure.
4. NJDEP Workplace Charging Grant Program - \$125,000 has been added to the \$725,000 original allocation for funding of electric vehicle charging stations at workplaces. The wait list of applications will more than use up the full \$850,000. Additional funding is being sought.
5. NJDEP Clean Construction Grant Program - Since the announcement of this grant program in October 2016, \$2.9 million in applications have been received for the currently available \$3 million in funds. There is significant additional interest, and applications are still being accepted. Additional funding is being sought.
6. B.L. England Power Plant - On 2/24/17, the NJ Pinelands Commission approved the pipeline project to supply natural gas to this power plant in Cape May County. This would enable a conversion from coal and heavy oil burning in old boilers, to a modern natural gas/light oil combined cycle unit. On 3/3/17, the Department was notified that the PJM independent system operator requires BL England to continue operation of its coal and oil boilers for 2 more years, to insure the reliability of electric supply in south Jersey. The Administrative Consent Order on the closure or repowering of the power plant includes provision for continued operation if the repowering is not completed by 5/1/17, and PJM

determined necessity. Air permits for the 447 MW new combined cycle unit were approved on 9/16/17.

7. NJDEP Hearing on Rule Proposal for reducing emissions of VOC and NOx from stationary sources - On 2/13/17, the NJDEP air program heard testimony from 2 persons and subsequently received 5 written comments on our proposed rule to reduce VOC emissions from various coating operations and NOx emissions from engines and turbines on gas pipelines. Most companies already comply with the proposed limits. Comments focused on the deadlines for compliance.
8. Installation of Scrubber and Pilot Testing at Fumigation Operation - An Environmental Improvement Pilot Test (EIPT) permit was approved by Air Permitting on 2/10/17, for use of a pilot scrubber by Western Fumigation at the Gloucester port to control methyl bromide emissions from the fumigation of grapes. Testing began on 2/28/17, under the oversight of the US Dept. of Agriculture. Previously, 70 foot stacks were installed to reduce acute risk, and ambient monitoring of methyl bromide commenced, pursuant to an Administrative Consent Order.
9. USOMB proposes to cut EPA budget and State Grants - On 2/28/17, the OMB provided its proposed cuts for the 2018 budget year, which starts 10/1/17. EPA had until 3/1/17 to respond. State air grants would be reduced by 30%, which is approximately a \$1.8 million cut for NJ. EPA's budget would be reduced by 24%, including a 20% staffing cut. The Diesel Emission Reduction Act grant program would be unfunded. Numerous other programs at EPA would also be eliminated, including the EJ office, radon program, environmental education, and 14 voluntary climate programs; amongst others. The Environmental Council of States (ECOS) commented "the time is now to meaningfully invest in state environmental agencies through robust, not reduced" grants.
10. Air Pollution Health Studies – Heidi e-mailed information on 2 recent health studies. One study published in the journal "Environmental Microbiology" shows that black carbon, which is found in diesel exhaust and wood smoke, helps spread bacteria into the lungs and heightens its resistance to penicillin. Another study in the journal "Environmental Science and Technology" indicates that acidic sulfate particles near roadways can contain high amounts of metals from brake and tire wear. These particles are soluble in the lungs and can be absorbed into the blood stream, providing a route for the metals to cause adverse health effects elsewhere in the body.

#### **ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Presentation by:

Trish Ingelido on the Watershed Ambassadors Program

Pete Tenebruso and Mike Matsko on handling air quality data generated by the public

Paul Romano – air quality monitors

**NEXT MEETING**

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January 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
February 8	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing
March 8	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
April 5	PUBLIC HEARING – 401 East State Street, Trenton
May 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
June 14	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
July 12	Present to Commissioner– NJDEP, 5 <sup>th</sup> floor – TENTATIVE
August	No meeting.
September 13	South Jersey Port Corporation, 2500 Broadway, Camden, New Jersey 08104
October 11	NJ Business & Industry Association, 10 West Lafayette Street Trenton, NJ
November 8	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
December 13	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, NJ