

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

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200 Princeton South Corporate Centre
Suite 160
Ewing, NJ

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Joseph Constance opened the meeting.

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

EXCUSED: Leonard Bielory, Pam Mount, Joseph Spatola

REPRESENTED: Kenneth Thoman by Bob Weber, IBEW

PUBLIC: Kimberly Scarborough, PSEG and Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Joseph Constance called for the motion to approve the minutes. Michael Egenton made the motion to approve minutes as submitted; Howard Geduldig seconded the motion. The December minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Discussion of public hearing topic: electric vehicles, alternative fueled vehicles.

Richard Opiekun called for the motion to adjourn, Howard Geduldig made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Toby Hanna. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Jan 8, 2014 Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Division of Air Quality

1. Ozone Health Standard - On December 11, 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals again upheld the USEPA's primary ozone standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb). The court also remanded the secondary standard, which was set at the same level as the primary standard, back to the USEPA for reconsideration.
2. China – Lung cancer deaths have risen 465% in Beijing, China, in the past three decades, despite a decrease in cigarette smoking. NJDEP has had visits from several delegations of air pollution control officials from Provinces in China to learn how we addressed high air pollution over the last 50 years.
3. Pinelands – The proposed pipeline for BL England along a road through the Pinelands was not approved by the Pinelands Commissioner with a 7 to 7 vote. NJDEP testified at the Commission's hearing and explained the air quality benefits of the conversion of this power plant from coal and oil to gas, with a new very efficient combined cycle unit. If this plant shuts down, the electricity lost would likely be provided from out of state power plants, with the much higher emissions of air contaminants transported into NJ on the prevailing winds from the west and southwest.
4. RGGI – There were oral arguments on December 8th, concerning NJ withdraw from RGGI.
5. General Permit (GP) - for diesel fired emergency generators has been proposed in NJ Register. This GP allows facilities to register a new emergency generator on line and begin installation immediately. To be eligible for the GP, use of the emergency generator must be limited to blackouts, brownouts, and testing.
6. Sandy recovery - \$25 million has been allocated by the BPU for energy projects to mitigate the hazard from another Sandy. 147 towns were selected for \$100,000 - \$500,000 per grant. Most of the projects are for backup power generation, with some combined heat and power units. About 40% of the units will be gas fired. While many of the new units are too small to require an air permit, the larger ones can use the GP discussed in 5 above.
7. Fracking to obtain natural gas – The Mid Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA), of which NJ is a member, is holding workshops for the state air agencies on controlling air pollution from fracking operations. While NJ has no fracking, NJDEP is interested in air contamination from the thousands of wells in Penn that contribute to the transport of air pollution into NJ.
8. Ed Choromanski – retiring after 37 year at NJDEP. Last day was 1/16/14.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles

NEXT MEETING

February 12, 2014

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**401 East State Street
5th floor large conference room
Trenton, NJ**

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