

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

IBEW, Local 94
219 Franklin St.
Hightstown, NJ

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Sara Bluhm opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT All of the Council members were present except as noted below.

EXCUSED Richard Opiekun

UNEXCUSED Sandra Howland

REPRESENTED Michael Egenton by Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council

PUBLIC Jeff Flatley, NJ Business Action Center
Kimberly Scarborough, PSEG
Joann Held

NJ DEP Staff Luis Lim
Rudy Zsolway

Meeting Record

- Leonard Bielory made the motion to approve the April minutes as submitted; Robert Weber seconded the motion. The April minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- Eric Svenson suggested that the CAC draft a letter to the NJ Congressional delegation asking them to fully fund the EPA. Eric will draft a letter with Howard Geduldig's assistance.
- Hearing report was discussed and in the final stages of approval. Minor changes will be made and recirculated to the council members prior to June 14th meeting. Commissioner's talking points will also be added prior to the meeting.
- A hold has been placed on Commissioner Martin's calendar for Wednesday, July 12th at 11am.
- Leonard Bielory made a motion to adjourn; Toby Hanna seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Administrative Report

Presented by Luis Lim, Air Quality

1. EPA proposal on cleaner air in southern NJ - On 4/18/17, USEPA proposed that the Southern NJ-Penn-Del-Maryland ozone nonattainment area now attains the 75 ppb ozone former health standard, based on air quality over the 2013, 14 and 15 three year period.
2. 70 ppb ozone health standard update - NJ is expected to have a 2023 attainment deadline (based on 2021, 22, and 23 air quality) for exceedances of the current 70 ppb ozone health standard. In June, EPA is scheduled to issue notice of their proposed 70 ppb nonattainment areas and finalize those designations by the end of 2017. EPA's reconsideration of the 70 ppb ozone health standard could affect the designation process.
3. Fort Lee air monitoring trailer replaced - The Bureau of Air Monitoring replaced the air sampling shelter located on Port Authority property at the foot of the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee. EPA provided the funding for this "near road" monitoring station. This is the 8th monitoring trailer replacement in 8 years.
4. Annual Air Monitoring Network Plan - The annual plan update is expected to be proposed for public comment this month. Proposed monitoring changes include: designating NJ as an early adopter of new equipment for Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) in order to receive early funding to replace aging equipment; replacing filter based samplers with a continuous fine particle sampler at the Rahway site; and relocating the Gibbstown fine particle monitor to the Clarksboro site in order to meet EPA siting criteria.
5. Diesel Emission Reduction and EV charging grant applications – DEP submitted grant applications in response to an April solicitation by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project funding. The applications cover: electric vehicle (EV) charging stations; idle reduction technology for refrigerated truck trailers; and boat repowering with cleaner engines.
6. EPA approval of VW's first national ZEV investment plan – On 4/12/17, USEPA approved VW's spending plan for its first 30 month cycle (there will be 4 cycles) to install EV chargers. In the first 30 months, \$40 million is dedicated to over 300 charging stations in selected metropolitan areas, including NY and Philly. \$190 million is dedicated to a fast charging highway network of 240 sites on selected interstate highways, including I-95 and Route 80 in NJ. There is also a \$25 million brand neutral public education/awareness campaign.
7. Proposed North Bergen Liberty Generation Project - An air pollution control application for this 1200 MW natural gas fired combined cycle turbine project is expected in June. Electricity would be supplied to NY City.
8. FY 17 Federal Funding - On May 3 and 4, Congress adopted the 2017 appropriations bill, which funds the federal government until 9/30/17. Air grants would remain unchanged, except for elimination of \$21 million in multipurpose grants, of which the NJ air program, including the air enforcement

program, received \$260,000 in FY 16 (the only year the multipurpose grant was in place). The 2017, Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants would increase to \$60 million (DERA was \$50 million in 2016).

9. FY 18 Federal Funding - By the end of May, the President is expected to officially propose FY 18 funding to Congress. The President in his March 16 preliminary budget recommended a 31% cut to both EPA and state environmental grants. That would be about \$1.9 million less funding for the NJ air program. The USEPA regional offices have been directed to prepare plans for significant cuts as of 10/1/17.

NEXT MEETING

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January 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5th Floor, Trenton – meet with Commissioner
February 8	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing
March 8	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5th Floor, Trenton
April 5	Public Hearing – NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, Trenton
May 10	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, NJ
June 14	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5th Floor, Trenton
July 12	Present to Commissioner – NJDEP, 5th 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, 5th Floor, Trenton
December 13	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, Michael Egenton