

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

<u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Richard Opiekun, Ph.D., Chair Sara Bluhm, Vice-Chair Mohammad "Ferdows" Ali Leonard Bielory, M.D. Joseph Constance Michael Egenton Howard Geduldig, Esq. Toby Hanna, P.E.	<u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Robert Laumbach, M.D. Pam Mount James Requa, Ed.D. Nicky Sheats, Esq., Ph.D. Joseph Spatola, Ph.D. Eric Svenson Jr. John Valeri Jr., Esq. Robert Weber
<u>Clean Air Council Liaison</u> Heidi Jones, 609-777-0598 Heidi.Jones@dep.nj.gov	<u>NJ Clean Air Council Website:</u> http://www.state.nj.us/dep/cleanair

New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

New Jersey Business & Industry Association
10 West Lafayette Street
Trenton, NJ

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER Michael Egenton opened the meeting.

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

EXCUSED Leonard Bielory
Joseph Constance
Pam Mount
Robert Laumbach
Pam Mount
Joseph Spatola
Eric Svenson

REPRESENTED Toby Hanna by Kimberly Scarborough, PSE&G

PUBLIC Samantha Jones, Chemistry Council
Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council

Meeting Record

- Michael Egenton made the motion to approve the September minutes as submitted; Sara Bluhm seconded the motion. The September minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- Discussion of 2016 Hearing Topic. The title of the hearing was voted on. The proposed title was: “**The Clean Power Plan Impact on New Jersey.**” Michael Egenton made the motion to approve; seconded by Sara Bluhm. The title was unanimously approved by all members present.
- Votes were taken for Public Hearing Chair and Vice-Chair position. All members present voted; John Valeri had been chosen for the position of Chair and Eric Svenson for Vice-Chair. Michael Egenton made the motion, Richard Opiekun concurred and James Requa seconded the motion. The decision was unanimously approved by all members present.
- Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2016 at NJDEP in the Public Hearing Room.
- Michael Egenton made a motion to adjourn; Ferdows Ali seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O’Sullivan, Division of Air Quality

1. New ozone health standard – USEPA adopted a more stringent National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone, changing the health standard from 75 ppb to 70 ppb, averaged over 8 hours.
2. 2015 ozone exceedances– NJ exceeded the old 75 ppb ozone standard at one or more monitors 20 days during the 5 month 2015 ozone regulatory season. If the new 70 ppb NAAQS were in place, NJ would have exceeded the health standard on 32 days. If all the sites exceeding the standard are added, there were 48 site days over the 75 ppb level and 112 site days over the 70 ppb level in 2015. On the east coast of the USA, only Conn had more ozone health exceedances than NJ.
3. Penn haze plan found wanting – A Federal appeals court ruled that Pennsylvania’s air pollution control plan to reduce haze is deficient because it failed to require 34 facilities to install best available retrofit technology (BART) or justify why this was not required. Haze plans are required to improve visibility at large national parks and wilderness areas, including the Brigantine National Wilderness Area in NJ. NJDEP has encouraged Penn to require better NOx and SO2 control on their coal fired power plants.
4. Air permit backlog reduction – The air permitting program, has succeeded in achieving zero backlog for minor source permits, 2 backlogged permits for major source modifications, and 14 for major source renewals.
5. Audit of air monitors – EPA is auditing 5 air monitoring stations (25% each year) to ensure they are collecting data accurately. Air monitoring program has rigorous QA/QC procedures in place and doesn’t expect EPA to find any deficiencies.
6. Fennimore landfill – The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) evaluated public health impact and issued recommendations regarding monitoring data from the landfill. ATSDR concluded that NJDEP should continue to operate the gas extraction and treatment systems and continue community monitoring for H2S and SO2.
7. New gas fired power plants – In addition to several projects that have submitted air permit preapplications, several more projects have had reapplication meetings, indicating continued interest in building new natural gas fired combined cycle power plants. A total of about 4000 MW are either in permitting or have had preapplication meetings.
8. Volkswagen – The Division of Law is participating in discussions with USEPA and the California Air Resources Board attorneys on legal action concerning the excess NOx emissions from VW diesel engines caused by an illegal inspection defeat device.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles

NEXT MEETING

*** Parking in Crescent Temple Lot. Have ID ready. ***

From train station traveling north:

Go through next light (East State Street)

Parking is on North Clinton Avenue – parking lot on right hand side (see guard)

January 14	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing, <i>Toby Hanna</i>
February 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
March 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
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 th Floor, Trenton
July 7 (Tues)	Present to Commissioner?? — NJDEP, 5th floor — TENTATIVE
August	No meeting?
September 9	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, <i>Michael Egenton</i>
October 14	New Jersey Business & Industry Association, 10 West Lafayette Street Trenton, NJ 08608, <i>Sara</i>
November 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
December 9	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, <i>Bob Weber</i>