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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

New Jersey Business & Industry Association
10 West Lafayette Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	Joseph Constance opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All of the Council members were present with the changed noted below.
EXCUSED	Howard Geduldig, Robert Laumbach, Joseph Spatola
REPRESENTED	Kenneth Thoman by Bob Weber, IBEW Michael Egenton by Doug LaFayette
PUBLIC	Kimberly Scarborough, PSEG; Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council; Melinda Dower, NJDEP; Charlie Pietarinen, NJDEP; Allen Weston, NJ Association of Counties

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Toby Hanna called for the motion to approve the minutes. Richard Opiekun made the motion to approve minutes as submitted; James Requa seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Discussion of public hearing topic, speakers

Leonard Bielory made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Toby Hanna. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Administrative Report

Presented by William O'Sullivan, Division of Air Quality

1. USEPA Tier 3 Rule – On March 3, USEPA finalized a rule to establish more stringent vehicle emissions standards and reduce sulfur levels in gasoline starting in 2017, to address the impacts of on-road motor vehicle emissions on air quality.
2. Fuel Efficiency –The President asked USEPA and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration to work with manufacturers, labor leaders, and the states to explore further opportunities for fuel consumption and emissions reductions for heavy duty trucks, after model year 2018.
3. Construction Diesel Retrofits
 - a. Construction contractor feedback – Green Construction & Ferreira Construction companies had positive feedback.
 - b. Additional funding –An additional \$75,000 in funding for construction vehicles diesel retrofits in the Camden area is being provided by the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM).
 - c. EO 60 evaluation – This summer NJDEP will be doing a formal evaluation of the pilot retrofit program for construction equipment.
4. Mandatory Diesel Retrofit Program - A final outreach effort for non-compliant municipalities and other public entities is being done prior to referring them to Enforcement for failing to comply with the Diesel Retrofit Law. The funding expires December 31, 2015.
5. PSEG Sewaren – On March 7, 2014, the Bureau of Air Permits (BAP) issued a construction permit for PSEG to install two new gas-fired combined cycle turbines, totaling 625 MW, at its Sewaren Generating station.
6. Vineland – On March 18, 2014, a construction permit for a 64 MW simple cycle gas fired combustion turbine was approved for the Vineland Municipal Electric Utility (VMEU). Construction is expected to be complete by February 1, 2015, and commercial operation of the turbine is expected to begin by June 1, 2015. SCR control minimizes NO_x emissions.
7. Natural gas pipeline – In January, the Pineland Commission had a tie vote on a natural-gas pipeline, along a road passing through a section of the Pine Barrens. This affects the

conversion of the B.L. England power plan from coal to gas, which received an air pollution control permit in 2013.

8. Infrastructure SIP – On February 10, 2014, the Sierra Club announced its intent to sue USEPA to take action on 39 states' lateness on a 1-hour Sulfur Dioxide Infrastructure State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision. NJDEP expects to propose a multi pollutant infrastructure SIP, including sulfur dioxide, in April. An infrastructure SIP is a demonstration of authority to regulate an air pollutant, not the plan to achieve the NAAQS.
9. Petition to expand OTC – On February 14, 2014, the Commissioner's from nine states sent a letter to the USEPA disagreeing with a petition to expand the Ozone Transport Commission and requested that the petition be denied.
10. PA rule for fuel oil – On February 20, 2014, USEPA proposed to approve Pennsylvania's rule for sulfur content standards in fuel oil as part of Pennsylvania's State Implementation Plan. (NJDEP has subsequently commented that the PA rule is inadequate because it does not lower home heating oil to 15ppm sulfur, which has been done by New Jersey and other mid-Atlantic and northeast states.)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles

PRESENTATION

Given by Charlie Pietarinen on Summary of 2013 Air Quality Data

Presentation is on file.

NEXT MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING!!!

TUESDAY, April 8, 2014

NJDEP

**401 East State Street
Public Hearing Room, 1st floor
Trenton, NJ 08625**

Pre-meeting/breakfast & lunch will be held on 7th floor large conference room

***** Parking in Visitor's Lot next to building. Have ID ready. *****