

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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NJ CLEAN AIR COUNCIL MEETING RECORD

September 13, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

Hamilton Club

32 Church St., 1ST Floor

Paterson, NJ 07505

CALL TO ORDER: Michael Egenton opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: All of the Council members were present with the changes noted below. (**See Attachment 1 – Attendance Sheet**)

EXCUSED: Ferdows Ali, Joseph Constance, Joseph Spatola, Kenneth Thoman

ABSENT: Gene Feyl

REPRESENTATIVE: David Brogan for Jorge Berkowitz

SPEAKERS: Chris Salmi, Assistant Director, Air Quality Management; Rhea Brekke, Executive Director, and John Cusack, Board Member, NJ Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT)

VISITORS: Peg Hanna, Sharon Davis, Paul Romano, NJDEP; Katie Watson, Nationsport; Russ Funari, PSE&G; Dr. Ted Helfgott

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Chairman called for motion to approve the July minutes. Irwin Zonis made the motion to approve the July minutes as submitted. Dr. Bielory seconded the motion. The July minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Administrative Report

Presented by Chris Salmi, Assistant Director, Air Quality Management:

- The New Jersey Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) is holding a conference on October 27, 2006 in the NJDEP Public Hearing Room. More information to follow.
- On August 22, 2006, Governor Corzine signed S1769, to amend the Diesel Retrofit Law. This amendment provides authority to the NJDEP to disapprove unreasonable cost estimates for the retrofits, modifies the ultra low sulfur diesel requirements for

use in non-road equipment and, extends the date for governmental diesel retrofit fleet plan submittals.

- The Reducing Air Pollution Together Initiative--Sixty white papers were posted on the NJDEP website for public review. The white papers and comments will be considered in the development of the upcoming State Implementation Plans (SIPs) for attainment of ozone, fine particles and, haze air quality standards.
- New Jersey's gasoline emission inspection program is performing well at identifying vehicles with unacceptable air pollution emissions. Also, the repair community is doing a good job repairing the vehicles to meet standards and emission repair technicians are able to find and repair the emission defects. In response to NJDEP's first formal evaluation of the current Enhanced Maintenance Program (I/M), USEPA commended the NJDEP saying, "We encourage New Jersey to continue the superior work as you move towards the future of inspection and maintenance."
- The US Supreme Court is reviewing an appeal of environmental rules about the NSR/Duke Case that involves reconstruction of its coal-fired power plant.
- On July 22, 2006, Bill O'Sullivan signed a letter petitioning USEPA to review the operating permit for the Portland coal-fired power plant. The primary objection was intent at the draft operating permit to make heat input levels informational; the action would essentially make the emission limits in the permit unenforceable.
- The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) met in June. It took action to obtain additional emission reductions from consumer products, portable fuel containers (gas cans), industrial adhesives and sealants, asphalt plants, institutional boilers, electric generation and high electric demand days units.
- The Diesel Idling Rule will appear in the September 18, 2006 issue of the New Jersey Register. The rule revises exemptions to the current three-minute maximum allowable idling time, and includes a provision to sunset the current exemption for idling in sleeper berths as of May 1, 2010. The USEPA is granting \$2.1 million for additional emission reduction projects.
- The USEPA released its second draft staff paper on possible tightening of the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The USEPA staff recommended that its Administrator consider a range for the primary NAAQS from retaining the existing 8-hour ozone standard of 0.08 parts per million (PPM), fourth highest daily maximum 8-hour average concentration, to a standard of 0.07 PPM, between the third and fifth highest daily maximum 8-hour average concentration. The Clean Air Science Advisory Committee recommends health levels of ozone at 0.050-0.070 PPM.
- The Reasonably Available Control Technology SIP revision will be submitted late to USEPA. This SIP will commit to proposing additional reasonable controls through rulemaking or by case-by-case facility determinations.

Overview of NJ Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT)

Presented by NJ Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT), Rhea Brekke, Executive Director, and John Cusack, Board Member:

See Attachment 2.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Annual 2007 Public Hearing:
The hearing will be held on April 11, 2007

Suggested topics: Public Awareness/Empowerment (idling, gas cans,); Electric energy and air quality (technical end); Link energy efficiency to air pollution; CO2; Ozone; Some aspect of SIP (State implementation plan)

- Announcements from Chair: 1) Governor Corzine sent a letter thanking the CAC for his copy of the 2006 Annual Public Hearing Report. Letter will be shared electronically with members. 2) Jeffrey Applegate, ex-officio member from the Department of Community Affairs, retired and Hugh DeFazio, public member resigned.
- Nomination and Election of Officers—Nominating Committee nominated James Blando to serve as Chairman and Leonard Bielory to serve as Vice-Chairman. The Chairman asked for any nominations from the floor. None were made. Chairman called for a motion to close the nominations. John Maxwell made the motion, seconded by John Elston. The nominations were closed. Chairman called for a vote. By a unanimous vote, James Blando and Leonard Bielory were elected to serve as chairman and vice-chairman. Both members accepted the nominations.
- Dr. Bielory made a motion to thank Michael Egenton for serving a two-year term as chairman. The members unanimously agreed.
- The First Annual Dr. Raymond M. Manganelli Memorial Scholarship FundRaiser will be held on September 15, 2006. Contact: Phyllis Elston.
- Travel reimbursement procedure has changed to monthly submittals.
- Review September Minutes
- Chairman called for motion to adjourn the meeting. John Elston made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Bielory. The meeting was adjourned.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- New Clips

NEXT MEETING

The New York Shipping Association/International Longshoremen's Association
(NYSA/ILA) Training Center, 1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ