

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

IBEW Local 94
219 Franklin Street
Hightstown, NJ

December 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Kenneth Thoman opened the meeting.

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

EXCUSED: Joseph Constance, Manuel Fuentes-Cotto, Robert Laumbach,
James Requa, Joseph Spatola

REPRESENTED: Sara Bluhm by Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Kenneth Thoman called for the motion to approve the minutes. Richard Opiekun made the motion to approve minutes as submitted. Pam Mount seconded the motion. The November minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

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

Leonard Bielory made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael Egenton. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Division of Air Quality

1. Richard Sullivan – first Commissioner of NJDEP passed away.
2. Pinelands Commission – considering gas pipeline along a road through the Pinelands to provide gas to the B.L. England Power plant in Cape May County.
3. Smaller Polluters, Cleaner Air – NJ Clean Air Council's article on the 2012 hearing report was published in the New Jersey Municipalities November 2013 magazine.
4. Non-road diesel emissions - Beginning January 2014, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will begin phased in enforcement of more stringent fleet emission limits for both particulate matter and oxides of nitrogen emissions from non-road diesel equipment.
5. USEPA Diesel Rebate Program - USEPA announced that it is offering \$2 million to retrofit or replace older construction engines, as part of a national rebate program where applicants will be chosen via lottery.
6. Air Quality modeling of construction diesels - Draft results from the air quality modeling of diesel emissions from a Route 3 construction project were shared with the Science Advisory Board (SAB), Climate and Atmospheric Sciences Committee, on November 13. The SAB made recommendations that will be incorporated into the evaluation.
7. High failure rates at Private Inspection Facilities – NJDEP continues to assist the Motor Vehicle Commission by auditing a portion of the Private Inspection Facilities (PIFs) throughout the state to ensure that their emission testing equipment is working properly. Fifty percent of the test equipment failed some aspect of the audit. PIFs test about 20% of the light duty vehicles.
8. I & M Database - After months of planning, development and testing, the NJDEP and Motor Vehicle Commission's work to transition the I/M Vehicle Inspection Information System (VIIS) database from Verizon to Parsons has been successfully completed.
9. Ardagh Glass Inc. - On November 12, 2013, the Bureau of Air Permits (BAP) hosted a pre-application meeting with Ardagh Glass, organized by the Lt. Governor's Business Action Center. The company is proposing to replace one of the three furnaces at the facility, with a state-of-the-art furnace with fired natural gas and oxygen.
10. Fiberglass boats – A stakeholder meeting was held on December 2, 2013, to obtain feedback for incorporation of EPA's Control Techniques Guidance (CTG) for fiberglass boat manufacturers into New Jersey air pollution rules for volatile organic substances (VOC). Best management practices and solvent content limitations would be added to New Jersey rules. The coatings being used already comply with the federal CTG.
11. Petition to expand OTC - On December 3rd, seven Northeastern/Mid-Atlantic states petitioned the USEPA to expand the Ozone Transport Commission to include nine upwind states significantly contributing to poor ozone air quality in the eastern USA.

12. Good Neighbor Rule – The Supreme Court heard EPA arguments in their appeal of a lower courts revocation of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR). Whether EPA wins the appeal or not, CSAPR needs to be revised to address the 75 ppb ozone health standard and to address peak ozone day nitrogen oxide emissions.

Presentation

Presentation given by Chris Salmi on
Air Pollution Challenges Facing New Jersey

(Presentation on file)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles

NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2014

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