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NJ CLEAN AIR COUNCIL MEETING RECORD

March 10, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
Rutgers University, Cook College Campus
14 College Farm Rd
Envr. & Natural Resources Sciences Bldg
2nd fl, Conference Room 223
New Brunswick, NJ

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Bielory opened the meeting.

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

EXCUSED: Joseph Constance, John Elston, Joseph Spatola, Jim Zhang

REPRESENTED: Michael Egenton by Daniel Cunningham

SPEAKERS: Bill O’Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality; Paul Lioy, , Ph.D., Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine, RWJMS, Deputy Director of Government Relations and Director of the Exposure Science Division of the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI)

VISITORS: Willa Williams, Ann Arnold, NJDEP

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Chairman called for motion to approve the February minutes with edit. Ken Thoman made the motion to approve February minutes with edit. David Brogan seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O’Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality:

1. Inspection & Maintenance Program (I/M)—The I/M program is proceeding successfully with the conversion from dynamometer-based exhaust emissions system to its new two-phase idle test.
2. Diesel—Commissioner Martin attended an event at the Port Authority to roll out the Air Quality Implementation Plan to replace pre-1994 diesel trucks, and our EPA grant of \$7 million that will help finance 25% of the cost. Loans are also available with Port Authority funds. Air quality modeling at Port Elizabeth and nearby intersections affected by port traffic show that these activities contribute significantly to air quality problems in the area but are not the primary cause of nonattainment with the fine particulate NAAQS.
2. Essex Incinerator—In response to a pending renewal for an operating permit, environmental groups requested best available control technology, which would be commended a bag house to replace existing air electrostatic precipitator particulate controls. The incinerator is owned by the Port Authority and operated by Covanta.
3. Ozone—The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) is a 13-state regional organization to develop strategies to lower ozone pollution. The OTC is currently working to develop regional strategies to reduce nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compound emissions. On March 16, the Stationary and Area Source Committee will present their draft strategies for public input.
4. Rules—On March 8, the NJDEP held a stakeholder meeting on proposed rules to lower the sulfur content of heating oil. This rule addresses the need to reduce fine particulates and improve visibility. *See Handouts 2, 3, 4. Distributed at meeting.*
5. Budget—Briefly outlined Air Quality Program revenue, expenditures, staffing and organization structure. *See Handouts 5, 6 7. Distributed at meeting*

Overview of Air Pollution in NJ: Past Present and Future

Presented by: Paul Lioy, , Ph.D., Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine, RWJMS, Deputy Director of Government Relations and Director of the Exposure Science Division of the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI)

PowerPoint presentation on file.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Members discussed a visit to the Salem Nuclear Power Plant and its Energy & Environmental Resource Center. After discussing interest and logistics, Chairman called for motion to schedule the visit for the June 9 meeting. Ken Thoman made the motion, seconded by Toby Hanna. Chairman will discuss logistics with Bill O’Sullivan before the meeting is scheduled. Dr. Sheats stated that he assumed the Council would be presented a very positive view of nuclear energy during the site visit and thought it might be appropriate if at some point in the future the Council also heard from opponents of nuclear energy.
- The Council passed (via e-mail) a resolution supporting Air Quality Awareness Week.
- 2010 Public Hearing discussion: Members reviewed a draft agenda. Additional speakers will be invited.
- Chairman called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Paul made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Toby Hanna. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45p.m.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- News Clips—Unavailable after March 19, until further notice

NEXT MEETING

May 12, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
NJ State Chamber of Commerce
216 West State St
First Floor
Trenton, NJ