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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
Trenton, NJ

Wednesday, May 14, 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	Rob Laumbach Joseph Spatola
REPRESENTED	Kenneth Thoman by Bob Weber, IBEW
PUBLIC	Allen Weston, NJ Association of Counties Kimberly Scarborough, PSEG Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council

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Roll call was taken. Joseph Constance called for the motion to approve the April minutes. Richard Opiekun made the motion to approve minutes as submitted; Michael Egenton seconded the motion. The April minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Leonard Bielory, seconded by Richard Opiekun.

Administrative Report

Presented by Frank Steitz, Division of Air Quality

1. Two important Court Ruling in favor of USEPA
 - a. MATS- A federal court on April 15 upheld the [Environmental Protection Agency's](#) (EPA's) February 2012-finalized Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS), rejecting both industry and environmental group's arguments.
 - b. CSAPR- On April 29, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the USEPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) to control air pollution from power plants, especially coal-fired facilities. The rule was designed to address ozone and fine particle air pollution that is transported across states lines and impacts the air quality in downwind states.
2. Lower Ship Emissions-The International Maritime Organization (IMO) announced that it will not extend the 2016 deadline for new large ships operating in North America "Emission Control Areas" to use engines emitting less oxides of nitrogen air pollution. New Jersey will realize significant ozone benefits as the tighter limits take effect.
3. Port Summit- USEPA's "Advancing Sustainable Ports" summit in Baltimore on April 8-9th served as a kick-off for a new port initiative, which aims to provide incentives for ports to improve air quality. Peg Hanna from the Mobile Sources Program attended for NJDEP.
4. Port Authority ten year Clean Air Strategy Plan- the Port Authority of NY/NJ reconvened its Strategy Committee to continue progress on the ten year Clean Air Strategy plan. The Committee is now working to refine the commitments for the next five years. There will be an increased emphasis on NOx and VOC reductions, in addition to a continued emphasis on particulates, local air toxics and greenhouse gases. The Committee plans to utilize a new emissions inventory that should be released next month.
5. Tesla Supercharger- electric car maker Tesla Motors is installing a free, high-speed charging station for owners of Tesla cars in Hamilton Township, New Jersey. This is the first Supercharger located in New Jersey. It is located in the Hamilton Market Place mall just off Interstate 195, near exit 7A of the New Jersey Turnpike.
6. General Air Permits
 - a. Air Quality Permitting completed preparations to make the General Operating Permit (GOP) for emergency generators available for on-line submittals for major facilities. This service was activated on Monday April 7th. The online availability of this GOP will facilitate timely emergency response for industry, while maintaining DEP's commitment to customer service and environmental protection. Normal operating permit procedures for adding a new emission source operation to an operating permit would require a facility to apply for a significant modification with a public comment period and three to four months of processing time. The GOP allows facilities to obtain emergency generators permits in a few minutes.

- b. Air Permits announced the availability of a revised General Permit (GP-005A for Emergency Generators) at minor facilities in the May 19, 2014, New Jersey Register
7. Expansion Project for Colonial Pipeline Permit Approved- The Bureau of Air Permits (BAP) approved an air permit in March for an over \$500 million expansion project at Colonial Pipeline in Linden. The facility demonstrated compliance with the provisions of major new source review by demonstrating lowest achievable emission rate (LAER) for the new equipment and purchasing 74.8 tons of VOC emission reduction credits for offsets. Construction of the storage tanks is expected to commence this spring.
 8. PSEG Sewaren Combined Cycle Project Approved- On April 22, 2014 Air Quality Permitting issued a final Title V Operating Permit modification allowing PSEG to operate two new combined-cycle turbines, totaling 625 MW, at its Sewaren Generating station.
 9. Penultimate HEDD Approval –Air Quality Permitting issued a preconstruction approval for Gilbert Generating Station for the installation of Dry-low NOx Burners on four 49 megawatt (MW) combined cycle turbines. The installation of Dry LNB will provide necessary NOx emission reductions from each of these High Electric Demand Day (HEDD) units to achieve the NOx emission limit effective 5-1-15. One more HEDD application for better NOx control is expected.
 10. Air Quality Awareness week- The NJDEP is hosting its annual outreach air quality initiative, Air Quality Awareness Week 2014, from April 28 - May 2. Governor Christie has signed a proclamation designating this week as Air Quality Awareness Week in New Jersey. The purpose of the week is to raise awareness of air pollution, demonstrate how the NJDEP is reducing the public's exposure to air pollution, and encourage New Jerseyans to take action to protect themselves and their families when ozone and fine particulate levels are high.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Newspaper Articles

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

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