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NJ CLEAN AIR COUNCIL MEETING RECORD

March 12, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
NJDEP
401 E. State St.,
Commissioner's Conference Room
Trenton

CALL TO ORDER: Leonard 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: Michael Egenton, John Elston, Manuel Fuentes-Cotto

SPEAKERS: Bill O'Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality; Lisa Jackson, Commissioner, NJDEP

VISITORS: Kelly Moretta, Schering-Plough Corp.; Donald Griffin, CITGO Petroleum; Dan Cunningham, PSEG; Chris Salmi, Sue Shannon, NJDEP

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Chairman called for motion to approve the February minutes. Irwin Zonis made the motion to approve February minutes as submitted. Jorge Berkowitz 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. National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (NAAQS)—USEPA announced the revised NAAQS for ozone. The primary (health-related) ground-level ozone standard was tightened from 85 parts per billion to 75 parts per billion (0.08 parts per million to 0.075 parts per million). The secondary (welfare related) standard was set at the same level as the primary standard despite an USEPA staff recommendation for a different type of secondary standard.

2. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Standards—USEPA denied California’s request for a waiver of federal preemption to enforce the state’s motor vehicle GHG emission standards. USEPA believes the California Air Resources Board’s vehicle GHG standards “are not needed to meet compelling and extraordinary conditions.” The decision was published in the March 6, 2008 Federal Register, and the deadline for filing petitions for review of this decision is May 5, 2008.
3. BL England Generating Station—The company plans to apply for an air permit modification this spring to repower two existing units, one coal and the other oil fired.
4. Ship Emission Standard—A federal appeals court overturned California’s rule to limit sulfur emissions from ocean-going ships that enter the state’s waters. This ruling highlights the need for federal legislation/rules on air pollution from ships.
5. Idle Reduction—Nearly all of a \$750,000 grant from USEPA has been spent or allocated for the installation of idle reduction technologies on trucks traveling in New Jersey. In coordination with the New Jersey Motor Truck Association and their members, the Diesel Program distributed grants to truckers for 38 bunk heaters, 113 auxiliary power units and 23 tailpipe retrofits.
6. Environmental Impacts of Port Activity—The USEPA announced its Vision, Mission, and Strategy for Sustainable Ports. Working with public port authorities and other interested groups, the plan aims to reduce the environmental impacts of moving goods through ports.
7. Faster Freight Clean Air Conference—July 8-9, 2008, Javitz Center, New York. Commissioner Jackson and CAC agreed to explore the possibility of holding the July 9 CAC meeting at the conference, during which the CAC would present the 2008 Hearing recommendations to Commissioner Jackson.
8. National Air Quality Awareness Week (NAQAW)—NAQAW is scheduled for April 28 through May 2, 2008 to coincide with the beginning of the ozone season. The NAQAW activities will be publicized through a webpage. The CAC was invited to adopt a resolution supporting NAQAW in New Jersey.
9. Discussion—a) A discussion followed , on matters of the budget and staffing. Mr. Spatola recommended that the old “SEEP” program be revived. This program, described as the “Senior Executive Employment Program,” (perhaps twenty years ago) called for voluntary work by managers retired from positions in private business or industry. b) Mr. Lynch suggested that governmental subsidies for energy conservation in homes are very small and should be increased.

Global Warming Initiatives

Presented by Commissioner Lisa Jackson, NJDEP:

- The national picture is evolving. NJDEP’s has a small global warming staff that spends large percentage of time at meetings (and in discussions) outside of NJ (Washington, D.C.) on global warming.
- Hearings on RGGI are likely to be held in June.
- House of Representatives does not yet have a bill.
- A recent "White Paper" was issued on the role of the states in a "National Carbon Program."
- Automobiles: There is a debate as to whether control or requirements should be "State" or "National." NJ believes the States should lead as is typified by the California car. Research and Development has been a struggle.
- NJ Budget review is ongoing.

- The Office of the Governor is the primary of the Energy Master Plan (EMP). The transportation side of EMP will probably wait for our global warming plans. Trash is one large factor in NJ as a source of energy.
- The first auction of RGGI may occur this year. Comments are being accepted. Global Warming inventory is on the web site. Some questions are: How to spend the proceeds of the RGGI auction? Use of wind-power generation? Bids on offshore sites? NJ expected to respond this summer.
- In the solar market, NJ is moving to providing rebates to suppliers, rather than to consumers, to minimize delays and red tape.
- BPU maintains an emissions portfolio, for power coming into NJ from outside of the State of NJ.
- An NJDEP web site on sustainability is now available. A web site for "carbon footprint" will be available in about six (6) months.
- March 19, RGGI Stakeholders meeting planned for NJ Economic Development.
- Nuclear energy plans are long-term, more than 9 – 10 years. Costly but could be a "wedge" position until carbon capture works.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Jorge Berkowitz motioned to approve resolution supporting National Air Quality Awareness Week, seconded by Toby Hanna. The resolution was adopted unanimously
- Plans to hold the July CAC meeting in New York City were discussed. Chairman polled members about this idea. The response was positive.
- Chairman called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Bielory made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Toby Hanna. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- News Clips

NEXT MEETING

April 9, 2008, 9:30 a.m., NJDEP, 401 E. State St. St., Public Hearing Room, Trenton, NJ