

Meeting Record

- Leonard Bielory made the motion to approve the March minutes as submitted; Michael Egenton seconded the motion. The March minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- Pre-meeting was held for public hearing; hearing started at 9:30am in NJDEP public hearing room.

Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Air and Energy Advisor

1. Proposed revisions to air rules - An assortment of relatively minor revisions to air rules was proposed on 3/20/17, with a hearing scheduled for 5/9/17, and the close of comment period on 5/19/17. Revisions include adding fine particles (PM2.5) to the permitting rules, eliminating the option to submit Emission Statements through e mail, reporting of PM2.5 and ammonia emissions at the source level in Emission Statements, and eliminating an outdated and unused exemption for sulfur compound emergency releases.
2. Exceptional Air Quality Event Public Notice - On 4/3/17, DEP posted for public review documentation that wildfires in Canada caused high ozone levels in NJ on May 25 and 26, 2016. This type of occurrence is referred to as an "exceptional event", which may be excluded from determination of compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. At least 6 other states are also submitting documentation for the same event.
3. VW federal Consent Decree update – Electrify America (the VW subsidiary established to implement the \$2 billion required investments under part of the federal Consent Decree) is expected to submit a final plan to EPA soon for their first \$300 million, 30 month investment cycle, for all the states outside of California. Some of the investments would be for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on highways in NJ.
4. NJ Workplace Charging Grant update – The entire \$850,000 currently available for EV charging stations has been allocated. \$167,000 additional projects are on a waitlist, should other funding be secured.
5. Federal Vehicle Emissions Standards – On 3/15/17, the Trump administration announced that USEPA will re-open for review the 2012 adopted emission limits for model year 2022 to 2025 light duty vehicles.
6. CPV Woodbridge Energy Center – Stack tests on this new 700 MW natural gas combined cycle power plant indicate compliance with all emission limitations. NOx emissions were less than 2% that of a coal fired power plant with low NOx burners. Operation of this power plant in 2016 helped NJ become a net electricity exporter, while reducing our prior reliance on electricity from coal fired power plants in other PJM states.
7. Updated General Permit (GP) for boilers and heaters – A notice of availability was published in the NJ Register on 3/20/17, and posted on the NJDEP website for use by minor facilities. Updates included: addition of federal Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) requirements for hazardous air pollutants, addition of New Jersey's 15 ppm ultra-low sulfur light oil requirements which were effective 7/1/16, and refinements to the GP to make it more user friendly.
8. 2016 fine particle air quality data – Heidi shared with the Council 2 preliminary graphs showing levels of PM2.5 at the 29 monitors in NJ. For the first time, all the 2016 annual averages were at, or below, 10 ug/M3, which is comfortably under the 12 ug/M3 National Ambient Air Quality Standard.
9. 2015 NJ power sector emissions of CO2, SO2 and NOx – Heidi shared with the Council 3 graphs showing how the NJ power plant sector average emission rates (lb./MWhr) compare with other states. NJ is amongst the 5 to 10 cleanest electric power states in the USA for these pollutants.
10. 4/4/17 article on study of low birth weights - A news article about a study published in the Journal of Policy and Management reports that birth weights in 4 NJ counties may have been reduced during the operation of the Portland Power plant in Penn. The coal units at that plant were shut down as result of a petition by NJ to EPA and by a negotiated consent decree with NRG. We have not reviewed the study.

ACTION ITEMS

1. PowerPoints presentations given by hearing speakers will be posted on website.
2. Hearing report draft will be circulated to members by May meeting.

NEXT MEETING

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January 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
February 8	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing
March 8	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
April 5	PUBLIC HEARING — 401 East State Street, Trenton
May 10	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, NJ
June 14	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
July 12	Present to Commissioner– NJDEP, 5 th floor – TENTATIVE
August	No meeting.
September 13	South Jersey Port Corporation, 2500 Broadway, Camden, New Jersey 08104
October 11	NJ Business & Industry Association, 10 West Lafayette Street Trenton, NJ
November 8	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
December 13	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, NJ