

**NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL**

<p><b><u>Clean Air Council Members</u></b>                  Richard Opiekun, Ph.D., Chair                  Sara Bluhm, Vice-Chair                  Leonard Bielory, M.D.                  Maria Connolly                  Joseph Constance                  Michael Egenton                  Howard Geduldig, Esq.</p>	<p><b><u>Clean Air Council Members</u></b>                  Toby Hanna, P.E.                  Sandra Howland                  Pam Mount                  Eric Svenson Jr.                  John Valeri Jr., Esq.                  Robert Weber</p>
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**New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record**

ERM  
 200 Princeton South Corporate Center  
 Suite 160  
 Ewing, NJ

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER	Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All of the Council members were present with the changes noted below.
EXCUSED	Howard Geduldig Sandra Howland
CALLED IN	Leonard Bielory
REPRESENTED	Michael Egenton by Kimberly Scarborough PSEG Sara Bluhm by Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council
PUBLIC	Jeff Flatley, NJ Business Action Center Joann Held
NJ DEP Staff	Bill O'Sullivan Frank Steitz Peg Hanna Luis Lim Rudy Zsolway

### **Meeting Record**

- Eric Svenson made the motion to approve the January minutes as submitted; Maria Connolly seconded the motion. The January minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
- The brochure was finalized by the NJDEP Communications office; CAC members accepted all changes and the brochure is final. The brochure will be posted on the CAC website.
- The final brochure will be sent to the NJDEP listserv recipients and flyers will be mailed via USPS prior to March meeting. Invitations will also be mail prior to the March meeting.
- A presentation was given by Mr. Swords from NJDOT. His presentation will be posted on the Clean Air Council webpage.
- Leonard Bielory made a motion to adjourn; Eric Svenson seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

### **Administrative Report**

*Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Air and Energy Advisor*

1. Charlie Pietarinen honored - The retired Chief of the Bureau of Air Monitoring will receive the Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA) 2017 Griswold award for Outstanding Air Pollution Control Official at the June 8, 2017 Annual AWMA Conference and Exhibition in Pittsburgh. Charlie led the Air Monitoring Bureau for 20 of his 40 years of state service. Charlie is nationally recognized as a leader for air monitoring programs in the USA.
2. Clean Air Council member Pam Mount recognized – The Lawrence Green Team and Sustainable Lawrence, which Pam chairs, received a Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification for 2016. In 4 previous years the organizations earned bronze certification.
3. New air monitoring equipment to be funded – EPA has approved the funding for new ozone monitoring equipment at the Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Station (PAMS) at Rutgers. This equipment tests for volatile organic substances which react with nitrogen oxides to form ozone.
4. Workplace Charging Grant Waiting List - The wait list has 13 applications for 42 level 2 chargers for electric vehicles, costing \$202,000. Council members asked how they can encourage more funding for electric vehicle charging and whether conformity mitigation could be considered. Peg Hanna indicated she is optimistic about identifying some additional funding in the near time. The Council also asked for information on the number of chargers in NJ. NJ has about 200 public charging sites with 42 level 1 plugs, 300 level 2 plugs and 90 level 3 plugs. The following website provides detailed information on locations, etc. of chargers: <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/locator/stations/>
5. NJ renewable portfolio standard results in lower allowable emissions at Pennsylvania waste to energy facility - The Wheelabrator waste to energy facility in Morrisville, Penn. is revising its air Operating Permit to include NJ emission limitations for mercury and nitrogen oxides, in order to qualify for Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) under the BPU renewable portfolio standards. Out of state renewable energy facilities must meet NJ environmental standards to be eligible to sell Class 2 RECs to NJ electricity suppliers.
6. BPU approves Town Center Distributed Energy Resource Micro Grid Feasibility Study Incentive Program – On 1/25/17, the Board of Public Utilities opened a 60 day window for applications for micro grid feasibility studies, to be funded with \$1 million, as part of the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP). The report is posted on the Board's website at: [http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/reports/20161130\\_microgrid\\_report.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/bpu/pdf/reports/20161130_microgrid_report.pdf)

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7. Particle exposure linked to Alzheimer's – On 2/1/17, Heidi e-mailed an article on a study by the University of Southern California that indicated that women aged 65 to 79 are 92% more likely to develop dementia if they live in areas high in particle matter.
8. Air Quality and Heart Health – Heidi also e-mailed a Power Point presentation by the Director of EPA's Environmental Public Health Division on how exposure to air pollution increases the risk of heart disease. One of his key conclusions is that "Public health action is needed along with EPA standards." He encourages doctors to advise their heart patients to reduce exposure to high levels of air pollution.
9. AQES Intern Program - Christine Shell manages a successful intern program for the Air Quality, Energy, and Sustainability programs. AQES staff develop project outlines for interested students, who apply to be unpaid interns in the fall, spring or summer semesters. Many potential interns apply and are interviewed, prior to a few being selected. The 4 projects for the spring semester are: carbon markets; analysis of personal/local air monitors; sustainable breweries, wineries and distilleries; and visualizing elevated ozone pollution. 3 Rutgers and 1 Montclair student were selected.

**ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Newspaper Articles  
Presentation by Andrew Swords, NJDOT

**NEXT MEETING**

**If coming to DEP:**

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

