

Meeting Record

- Michael Egenton made the motion to approve the November minutes as submitted; Richard Opiekun seconded the motion with one edit. Minutes were approved a unanimous vote.
- Heidi will update invitation and confirm DEP Commissioner for hearing.
- Hearing brochure being finalized and sent up to the DEP Communications office for review. Council and DEP staff coordinating list of speakers and contacts for the public hearing.
- Presentation on GHG Inventory and RGGI Strategic Funding Plan given by Christine Schell, NJDEP. PowerPoint and information will be posted on the Clean Air Council website.
- Leonard Bielory made a motion to adjourn; Richard Opiekun seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Administrative Report

Presented by Francis Steitz, Director of Air Quality

1. **RGGI Strategic Funding Plan Development** – On October 25, 2019, the DEP, EDA and BPU jointly released a Scoping Document outlining the statutory and regulatory requirements associated with the distribution of RGGI auction proceeds and providing example initiatives that one or more of the state agencies could sponsor over the next three years. The document is designed to generate input from the public and interested stakeholders on how New Jersey will use the proceeds that will be generated starting with the first RGGI auction in March of 2020. The three agencies are hosting four public workshops and a webinar before the end of the year to garner input.

The DEP, BPU and EDA, hosted four workshops:

- November 7th at Atlantic Cape Community College (DEP Sponsor)
- November 18th New Jersey Institute of Technology Campus Center Ballroom A (BPU Sponsor)
- November 25th Rutgers New Brunswick College Ave Student Center (EDA Sponsor)
- December 6th Township of Ocean, West Park Recreation Center Large Room (DEP Sponsor)
- December 12th 10-12 pm webinar

Additional information can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/rggi/> and the public can also provide input via NJRGGI@dep.nj.gov.

2. **New Jersey Observes in its First RGGI Board Meeting** -- On November 26, 2019, RGGI held the 2019 Annual Board of Directors meeting via teleconference. The RGGI Board of directors consists of RGGI member state agency heads and is chaired by Ben Grumbles, Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment. During the meeting, the RGGI Board elected its 2020 committee members and approved RGGI Inc.'s 2020 operating budget. RGGI Inc. Executive Director Andrew McKeon announced a list of 2019 accomplishments that included release of a RGGI Auction Proceeds Report, Electricity Monitoring Report and successful expansion of the RGGI program to include NJ. He offered a warm welcome to Commissioner McCabe and BPU Board President Fiordaliso.
3. **Outer Continental Shelf** -- A rule proposal was published in the November 4, 2019, New Jersey Register to incorporate by reference the relevant provisions of 40 CFR Part 55 in New Jersey's Administrative Code. This rule, if adopted, would allow New Jersey to seek delegation of the authority to issue and enforce air permits on the outer continental shelf. A public hearing is scheduled for December 12, 2019 in the DEP Public Hearing Room.
4. **TCI Leadership Meeting in NJ** – On December 4, 2019, the Transportation and Climate Initiative hosted its Regional Low Carbon Transportation Policy Development Leadership Team meeting at Rowan University. Leadership from 13 states and the District of Columbia finalized language in a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will be released for stakeholder input on December 17th.

The December 17th release will also include technical modeling results with information on revenue, economic, and health impacts from implementation of such a program.

5. **Statement of Intent for heavy duty electrification** – On December 12, 2019, to coincide with California’s board hearing on a proposed Clean Truck Rule, the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) plans to release a Statement of Intent and a press release on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and associated action plan for the medium and heavy-duty vehicle sector. The MOU would commit the NESCAUM states to a collaborative effort, set state targets for electrification of the medium and heavy-duty sector, and guide the development and implementation of a comprehensive multi-state Action Plan.
6. **Volkswagen funding application update** -- During the past several months, New Jersey has received additional applications totaling nearly \$7 million to fund electrification projects in urban areas. These include projects to electrify forklifts, yard tractors, drayage trucks as well as a DC fast charging hub at Newark Liberty International Airport. Applicants have been informed that these applications will be reviewed after another project solicitation is announced.
7. **Vineland Municipal Electric Utility (VMEU)** – On December 4, 2019, the VMUE Clayville electric generating station submitted a modification application to allow for the combusting of Ultra Low-Sulfur Diesel in a turbine that is currently only permitted to combust natural gas to provide the flexibility of a backup fuel. Backup fuel use is most likely an issue during extremely cold periods when natural gas could be unavailable due to demand. The modification is likely to increase emissions, but that will be confirmed as part of the technical review. The facility is a minor source but has a Title V (Operating) permit due to Title IV Acid Rain requirements.
8. **Linden Cogen Technologies** – On November 27, 2019, Linden Cogen Technologies submitted a modification application to make the following changes to the existing Linden Unit 6 combustion turbine: replace the current combustion system with a technology to increase fuel flexibility and enable combustion of a blend of natural gas and refinery fuel gas (from Bayway Refinery, which is currently being flared), upgrade combustion hardware to increase the capacity by 7%, and Upgrade process controls to improve combustion efficiency.
9. **Newark Energy Center Draft Title V Renewal** –On November 7th, Air Quality posted on its website a Draft Renewal Operating Permit, Public Notice and Statement of Basis for the Newark Energy Center, an existing natural gas power plant in the Ironbound section of Newark. At the facility’s request, the Department will host a public hearing at least 30 days after the public notice documents are posted, with the close of the public comment period following a few a days after.

2019 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS (tentative)

January 9	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing
February 13	STEM building at Kean University, 1075 Morris Ave, Union, NJ 07083
March 13	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 6th Floor, Trenton
April 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 6th Floor, Trenton – PUBLIC HEARING
May 8	Raritan Valley Community College Atrium, 118 Lamington Rd, Branchburg, NJ 08876
June 12	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 6th Floor, Trenton
July 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 6th Floor, Trenton (present to Commissioner)
August 14	No meeting.
September 11	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, NJ
October 9	NJ BIA, 10 West Lafayette Street, Trenton, NJ
November 13	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 6th Floor, Trenton
December 11	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, NJ