

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER	John Valeri opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All Council members were present with the changes noted below.
EXCUSED	Andrew McNally
PUBLIC	Kimberly Scarborough, PSEG Adam Neuman, IBEW
NJ DEP Staff	Francis Steitz Ken Ratzman Heidi Jones Dan Kuti

Meeting Record

- Richard Opiekun made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes; Michael Egenton seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.
- 2021 hearing topic was discussed. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.
- Presentation given by Dan Kuti, NJDEP; PowerPoint will be posted on the website.
- Leonard Bielory made a motion to adjourn; Richard Opiekun seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Administrative Report

Presented by Francis Steitz, Director of Air Quality

1. NJ's Fourth RGGI Auction – RGGI's final auction in 2020 took place on December 2, 2020, auctioning a total of 16,237,495 allowances. The clearing price was \$7.41 per allowance, with New Jersey's portion totaling \$27 million to invest in clean energy and climate mitigation strategies in the State.
2. Darling Ingredient Compliance Plans Approved – On November 27, 2020, Air Quality issued final permits for two Darling Ingredient's compliance plan changes for the rendering process and grease house at their Newark facility. The permits comply with an Administrative Consent Order to replace the scrubbing medium flow paper strip chart recorders with an electronic data acquisition system in these two processes and address the Department's comments on the draft permits. No public comments were received on the two compliance plan changes.
3. General Motors Withdraws from Litigation Challenging California Clean Air Authority -- On November 23, the CEO of General Motors announced the company was withdrawing from a lawsuit filed by the Trump Administration challenging California's authority to set emission standards for light-duty vehicles. General Motors had intervened in the lawsuit along with Fiat Chrysler, Toyota, and the Alliance for Auto Innovation, a trade group of automakers. At the same time the litigation was moving forward, California announced voluntary agreements with six automakers (BMW, Rolls Royce, Ford, Honda, Volkswagen Group of America (VW/Audi/Porsche), and Volvo) to continue annual reductions in vehicle greenhouse gas emissions through model year 2026 and expedite the transition to zero-emission vehicles.
4. USEPA Issues Vehicle Tampering Report -- On November 20, 2020, USEPA shared a report to the Executive Directors of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA), the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) and the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA) to help states better quantify the extent and impact of vehicle tampering and aftermarket defeat devices on air quality. Using evidence from resolved and ongoing USEPA enforcement cases, the report estimates that emissions controls have been removed from more than 550,000 diesel pickup trucks in the last decade, resulting in an additional 570,000 tons of NOx and 5,000 tons of particulate matter emitted over the lifetime of the vehicles. While these tampered trucks constitute only 15 percent of the national population of diesel trucks originally certified with emissions controls, their air quality impact is equivalent to adding more than 9 million additional (compliant, non-tampered) diesel pickup trucks to our roads. The report's transmittal letter emphasizes the importance of states addressing tampering downstream (at the dealer/sales level) while USEPA focuses on tampering upstream (at the manufacturers and suppliers).
5. Linden Cogen Requests Extension to Start Construction Date for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit - On November 24, 2020, Linden Cogen submitted a request to extend their "start construction" date for their PSD permit from December 13, 2020 to June 13, 2022 pursuant to 40 CFR 52.21(r)(2). The PSD permit was issued for a 250 MW combined-cycle combustion turbine (Unit 7) with CO oxidation catalyst and Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technologies to reduce CO and NOx emissions, respectively. Linden Cogen needs the additional time to explore all avenues to acquire sufficient capacity resource interconnection service (CRIS) rights because there exists transmission

constraints in delivering the electric power to be generated by the Unit 7 into New York Independent Service Operator (NYISO).

6. The Division of Air Quality will be approving this first extension as it meets all requirements under existing Standard Operating Procedures for PSD extension requests.

2021 MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS (tentative)

Meeting will be 9am – 11:30am, every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

January 20	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
February 17	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
March 17	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
April 21	Public Hearing - Microsoft Teams Meeting.
May 19	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
June 16	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
July 21	Microsoft Teams Meeting. - present report to commissioner (tentative).
August 18	No meeting. (Microsoft Teams Meeting, only if needed)
September 15	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
October 20	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
November 17	Microsoft Teams Meeting.
December 15	Microsoft Teams Meeting.