

## NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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### New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

NJDEP  
401 East State Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Trenton, NJ

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

CALL TO ORDER	John Valeri opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All Council members were present with the changes noted below.
EXCUSED	Leonard Bielory Scott Ross Joseph Constance Marc DeBlasio Andrew McNally
ABSENT	John Spinello
REPRESENTED	Kimberly Scarborough, PSEG representing NJBIA
PUBLIC	April Clifton, Downe Township
NJ DEP Staff	Bill O'Sullivan Frank Steitz Peg Hanna Andrea Friedman

### **Meeting Record**

- Richard Opiekun made the motion to approve the June minutes as submitted; Michael Egenton seconded the motion. Minutes were approved a unanimous vote.
- Nominating committee will review Chair and Vice-Chair positions on the council for voting in September.
- Michael Egenton made a motion to adjourn; Richard Opiekun seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

### **Administrative Report**

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

1. Ozone exceedances – As of July 9, there were 13 days when one or more monitors exceeded the 70-ppb ozone health standard in NJ this summer. NY has had 11 days, and Connecticut has had 10 days of exceedance. In the last several years Connecticut has had the most days of exceedance. On July 2 during the heat wave, NJ had 2 exceedances of the old 120 ppb one-hour health standard, with Leonia at 131 ppb and Flemington at 135 ppb. These were the first exceedances of the 1-hour health standard in 8 years. On July 2, there was also a 97 ppb 8-hour exceedance of the 70 ppb 8-hour health standard.
2. BPU EV charging grant - The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) intends to provide another \$200,000 in funding for the NJ workplace charging program. The funds are from a USDOE State Energy Program grant. Board approval is expected in August.
3. EV Outreach - Andrea Friedman, from the Bureau of Mobile Sources, gave 3 presentations on electric vehicles and electric vehicle (EV) charging to municipal officials, local planners, green teams and businesses; at the NJ Sustainability Summit hosted by Sustainable NJ; and at Electric Vehicle Workshops co-sponsored by Sustainable NJ and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. Andrea's focus was on helping municipalities and others prepare for and promote EVs in their communities.
4. Meeting on Fumigation - On June 13, 2018, Ken Ratzman and staff held a technical meeting with consultants representing warehouses that do commodity fumigation. NJDEP has requested that commodity fumigation companies evaluate the acute and chronic public health risk of their operations as part of the air permit application process. NJDEP enforcement previously identified about 50 facilities that require, but do not have, air pollution control permits. The possibility of portable air pollution control to be used by multiple facilities was discussed.
5. EPA to study relaxation of sulfur in fuel standards for ocean vessels - EPA will hold a workshop on 7/30/18, to study the possibility of exempting much of the coastal shipping industry from the 1000 ppm sulfur requirements, which were implemented in 2015, in the North American Emission Control Area (coastal areas of the USA). This was one of the measures which successfully reduced fine particle emissions in and near port areas, which was the topic of a Clean Air Council hearing about 10 years ago.
6. EPA seeking comments on cost and benefit analysis – On 6/13/18, EPA issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on whether to adopt rules to change the way EPA evaluates costs and benefits of rules. The rules would replace current guidance on cost/benefit analysis. One of the controversial aspects of the ANPRM is the suggestion that co benefits of emission reductions not be considered for pollutants which are not directly being regulated. The comment period has been extended to 8/13/18.

## 7. Transport of Air Pollution from other states

- a. 126 petitions - On 6/8/18, EPA proposed to deny petitions by Delaware and Maryland to order reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from coal fired power plants in other states. This relates to both the 75 ppb and 70 ppb health standards. Maryland had asked EPA to mandate that NO<sub>x</sub> controls on power plants be fully operated. EPA proposes that the operation of selective catalytic reduction (SCR) in 2017 was adequate and that operation of selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) is not required in Good Neighbor plans. Comments are due by 7/23/18.
  - b. Good Neighbor Plans - On 6/29/18, EPA proposed that the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Update fully addresses “good neighbor” interstate transport obligations for the 75-ppb health standard for ozone.
8. FERC decision on subsidies – On 6/29/18, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ordered that PJM find a way to prevent state subsidies for renewable energy and nuclear power from affecting prices in the PJM annual auction to buy generating capacity. NJ is one of the states that are part of the PJM electric grid. FERC expects PJM to make changes to their capacity market by the May 2019 auction. Implications of this order are being evaluated by the BPU staff.
9. PM<sub>2.5</sub> linked to Diabetes - A study has linked fine particle (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) exposure below the health standard to type 2 diabetes. An article on this was shared with the CAC. For each 10 ug/m<sup>3</sup> increase in PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure, the study estimates that the risk of developing diabetes increases by about 15 percent. NJ annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels are up to 10 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.
10. Retirement Events - Ray Papalski on July 26 at 5:30 at the Mountainview Golf Club. Bill O’Sullivan on Sept. 27 at 5:30 at Mercer Oaks.

### **NEXT MEETING**

September 12	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, NJ
October 10	Sewaren Generating Station
November 14	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton
December 12	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, NJ