

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

<u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Maria Connolly, PP, AICP, Chair Richard Opiekun, Ph.D., Vice-Chairman Leonard Bielory, M.D. Michael Egenton Timothy Fekete Robert Laumbach, M.D.	<u>Clean Air Council Members</u> Toby Hanna, P.E. Stephen Milgrom Allen Weston John Valeri Jr., Esq. Adam Neuman Sharon Brown Kimberly Scarborough
<u>Clean Air Council Liaison</u> George Berdomas, 609-940-5946 George.Berdomas@dep.nj.gov	<u>NJ Clean Air Council Website:</u> http://www.state.nj.us/dep/cleanair

New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

Meeting in person and/or Microsoft Teams

In Person Location:

Rutgers EcoComplex
 1200 Florence-Columbus Road
 Bordentown, NJ 08505

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER	Maria Connolly opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All Council members were present.
ABSENT	NONE
EXCUSED	Robert Laumbach and Timothy Fekete
REPRESENTED	NOT APPLICABLE
GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES	NONE
NJ DEP Staff	Francis Steitz, George Berdomas, Kenneth Ratzman, Dersan Patel, Dana Lawson, Seth Hackman, Daniel Clark, Peg Hanna, Ky Asral

Meeting Summary

- Maria Connolly called meeting to order, and roll was taken by George Berdomas.
- Frank Steitz gave the NJDEP administrative report.
 - o SCR - selective catalytic reduction. A more effective version to the reagent rejection.
 - o Will you see the Camden project moving forward with NJDEP? No comment or do not know the policy from Camden.
- Seth Hackman presented the NJ Food Waste Policy and Reduction Act
 - o Reduced about 40-50% in food waste reduction in entire state. The more audits they can complete the more definite the numbers can be. Audits are funded through their grant program. How involved are the food waste facilities? Digestion and one in Elizabeth is used to power their facility and Rahway facility for energy consumption. Trenton renewable power uses it as a digestion too.
 - o What defines preconsumer waste as waste? Pushed for a full pre and post definition consumer of waste. They do not know why it did occur. Because there is no differentiation it is hard to define the tool and who are the large food waste generators in the state.
 - o How many businesses apply to it? At least 800 large food waste generators were identified by their tools.
 - o Any technical reasons or establishing mechanisms to provide a service? The class C facilities have packaging options to help convert it.
- Dana Lawson presented her report on Food Waste Recycling Permitting
- Serpil Guran presented her report on Food Waste Reutilization for Climate Change
 - o Recommendations on how to encourage the landfills.
- Old Business/New Business
 - o Motion to approve the minutes for January first by Len Bielory second by Maria Connolly.
 - All Council approved (no abstentions)
 - o Discussed Annual Hearing speaker guidelines and lining up of potential speakers.
 - Chair – Maria Connolly
 - Co-Chair – Stephen Milgrom
- Motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. made by Leonard Bielory, Michael Egenton seconded.