

**NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL**

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**New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record**  
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER	George Berdomas opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All Council members were present.
ABSENT	
EXCUSED	Michael Egenton
REPRESENTED	NOT APPLICABLE
GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENDEES	Sarah Dougherty (Invenergy), Paulina O'Connor (NJOWA), Pastor Terrence Porter, Nicole Jones (PSEG)
NJ DEP Staff	Peg Hanna, Sharon Davis and George Berdomas

### Meeting Summary

- Richard Opiekun called the meeting to order, and roll was taken by George Berdomas.
- Sharon Davis gave the NJDEP administrative report.
  - VOC – How are rules enforced with the products reducing VOC products in NJ?
    - About the product on the shelf and they do have an enforcement component. Modify enforcement rules to modify the air chapter. Often if they are going to enforce it, it will be for a “For Sale” content. The manufacturers want these rules because it is an ozone transport commission model. Supported by industry to move forward.
  - SOTA methods included in the permit
    - Industry will have to meet them to go into the permit.
  - Happenings in the rules and the composting stakeholder meeting if Recycling Regulations (7:26A) if there are any updates?
    - Recycling community is aware of our report.
    - Senate Environment Committee 10/10/24 and will be hand delivered the Public Hearing Report from this year.
  - Hard to schools to comply with regulations and they should not have too. Boilers were maintained as best they can. If there was a real air pollution or not and received bad press for it because they do not have the proper staff, budget or education requirements to understand the boiler issue.
    - Possible compliance and enforcement outreach to help with this issue.
  - Did New York and Connecticut move up to severe level?
    - Not agreeable to severe classification after discussion with them. Both states have agreed to be classified to now serious. If you do not get all the states to agree you will not get it approved.
- Paulina O’Connor and Sarah Dougerty both presented an Offshore Wind Industry Update from NJOWA and Leading Light Wind
  - Where does this overlap with the fishing industry?
    - Their GIS team is working on the map with mariner updates with the survey vessel team.
  - Continuing conversations with BPU and aspects of the industry to make sure it is right from the beginning before they sign the agreement. Currently in a procedural pause. Anticipating towards the end of the year.
    - Only three wind turbines and trying to find the best deal for everyone.
    - Are the rate payers trying to pay the additional costs?
      - Want to get the model ready for everyone. Difficult to stand up in this industry with challenges of inflation with BPU to solicitation of products to rebid and readjust the rates.
    - Hope the turbine wind pricing gets addressed and the rate payers are the forefront of the decision.
    - Are you assessing any type of impact to visibility of areas such as barges, transport of workers out of construction phase, etc.? Will you do some modeling or assessment?
      - Cannot speak around the specific of the project and Atlantic shores. All developers are to make sure to modeling and studying. There are models of visual impacts and open to the public to review. These areas are determined by the Federal Government. The ideal is not to have the turbines to have a visual impact. Visibility impairment is required through the clean air act.
    - Timeframe for NEPA analysis?
      - Submitted hopefully by 2025.

- Old Business/New Business
  - Motion to approve prior meeting summary for July made by Leonard Bielory, seconded by John Valeri.
    - No abstentions
  - Sharon Brown's presentation for data centers and associated pollution was shared with the council.
  - 2025 Hearing Potential Hearing Topics
    - Clean Air and Clean Energy: Data Centers Impact
      - Mitigation Strategies to Reduce Air Quality and Climate Impacts
      - Offshore Wind
      - Air Toxics
    - Small Engine Emission Impacts
      - VOC Emissions and Particulate Matter (PM)
      - Worker, EJ and General Public Exposures
      - Noise
      - Electrification options
- Motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. made by Leonard Bielory, Stephen Milgrom seconded and no abstentions.