

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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NJ CLEAN AIR COUNCIL MEETING RECORD

Tuesday, December 9, 2003

9:30 a.m.

NJ Infrastructure Trust
3131 Princeton Pike
Building 6, 2nd Floor, Suite 201,
Lawrenceville, NJ. 08648
609-219-8600
1/16/04 3:51 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Joseph Spatola opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: All of the Council members were present with the changes noted below. (See **Attachment 1 – Attendance Sheet**)

EXCUSED: Ferdows Ali, Jorge Berkowitz, Elease Evans, Raymond Manganelli, John Maxwell
REPRESENTATIVE: Russell Furnari for Michael Egenton
ABSENT: Rick Aicher
SPEAKERS: Iclal Atay, Assistant Director, Air Quality Permitting, NJDEP
PUBLIC: Panos G. Georgopoulos, EHOSI/RWJ Medical School; Tony Russo, Chemical Industry Council; Tina Sabharwal, South Brunswick Township

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. November Minutes were approved as submitted.

UPCOMING NEW JERSEY REVISED MERCURY RULE

Iclal Atay, Assistant Director, Air Quality Permitting (See Attachment 2--Distributed at Meeting)

- Mercury is a toxic heavy metal that persists in the environment once released. It can be found in deposits and bioaccumulates in aquatic ecosystems.
- There are serious health risks for humans and animals that eat mercury-contaminated fish.
- Mercury comes from natural and manmade sources. Natural sources cannot be controlled but there are attempts to control the manmade ones.
- The upcoming NJ Rule will have revisions to the Municipal Solid Waste section. There will be new provisions for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators (HMIWI), Iron or Steel melters, and Coal-fired boilers. Each one of these sections will have emission limits or control efficiency limits. The rule will provide sufficient time for implementation. For waste types of operations, there will be emphasis for source separation. HMIWI are already in compliance with the limit. The rule will provide alternative compliance for some units and also provide averaging within the same facility.
- The NJ revised Mercury Rule will appear in the NJ Register on January 4, 2004.
- The Public Hearing will be on March 4, 2004. The comment period will close on March 5, 2004. (See Attachment 3)

CWC/CAC JOINT MEETING DISCUSSION

(See Attachment 3)

- **MTBE:**
Continue discussions.
Send joint report to DEP Commissioner. (CAC asked for copy of CWC report referencing ethanol as additive to gasoline.)
What is Commissioner's position on issues of MTBE? (Kerry Pflugh to respond through Sonia Evans.)
- **Impact of Urban Sprawl:**
Transportation corridors are breaking up the land
New wildlife criteria rule crosses both air and water. The rule targets 3 (three) toxins: PCB; Mercury; and DDT. Water Quality Act requires NJ to revisit standards every 3 years. Future evaluation of any water bodies will require that wildlife criteria be used as a standard to develop permit limits.
- **CAC 2004 Public Hearing Update:** topic and logistics announced; looking for speakers to invite. Will send copies of brochure to CWC.
- **Smart Growth and Big Rule:**
Possible presentation to CWC/CAC by Larry Baier, Director of the Division of Watershed Management on the new Watershed Rule.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Irwin Zonis updated status of the hearing brochure and list of speakers. It is anticipated that the brochure will be at the printer before Christmas, with a mailing date of mid-January. The list of suggested speakers will continue to be updated.
- Joseph Spatola asked for motion to approve November minutes. Irwin Zonis made the motion. Leonard Bielory seconded the motion.

- Obtain copy of CWC report re: ethanol as an additive.
- What is DEP Commissioner's position on MTBE?
- Presentation on new Watershed Rule

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Accountability of New Ozone Standards (**Distributed at meeting**)
- NJ's Dirty Little Secret (**Distri buted at meeting**)
- New Clips

NEXT MEETING

January 14, 2004 at 9:30 a.m., NJDEP, 401 E. State St., 7th Floor Large Conference Room, Trenton, NJ 08625 609-633-2007