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NJ CLEAN AIR COUNCIL MEETING RECORD

June 13, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

UMDNJ School of Public Health

Piscataway/New Brunswick Campus Administrative Office

683 Hoes Lane West

3rd Floor, Room 306

Piscataway, NJ 08854

CALL TO ORDER: James Blando opened the meeting.

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

EXCUSED: Leonard Bielory, Joseph Constance, Elease Evans, Richard Lynch, Joseph Spatola, Kenneth Thoman

REPRESENTATIVE: Doug Lafayette for Michael Egenton

SPEAKERS: Bill O'Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality

VISITORS: Kelly Moretta, Schering-Plough Corp

Meeting Record

Roll call was taken. Irwin Zonis made a motion to approve the May minutes with edits. John Elston seconded the motion. The May minutes were approved with edits by a unanimous vote.

Administrative Report

Presented by Bill O'Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality:

- The U.S. Supreme Court (SC) ruled that USEPA can and should regulate CO2/green house gases.
- The SC upheld USEPA's current requirement to base applicability of New Source Review (NSR) on annual emissions increases.

- The D.C. District Court clarified that the Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) rule is partially vacated. This does not adversely impact New Jersey.
- Commissioner Jackson is now Chair of the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC).
- A Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) meeting was held last week on improving visibility at four Class I areas in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and New Jersey.
- The final Ozone SIP proposal package was sent to USEPA on June 15, 2007. Uncertainty exists about attaining by the 2009 deadline. Additional measures go beyond the 2009 deadline.
- This month, USEPA proposed a new ozone standard of 70 to 75 ppb. Their Clean Air Act Science Advisory Committee had recommended 60 to 70 ppb.
- The Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) SIP is expected to be finalized this month. This plan commits to propose rules for major sources of NO_x and volatile organic compounds (VOC) where technology has advanced and lower emissions are reasonable.
- The RACT rules and consumer products rule proposals are expected in August and July respectively.
- The New Jersey Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) has been adopted and will be published in July. This rule allocates NO_x allowances based on energy output to promote energy efficiency.
- The Diesel Retrofit Rule is under final review.
- The Diesel Idling Rule was adopted and will be in the July 2 New Jersey Register.
- Diesel Smoke Cutpoint proposal is expected in August to lower allowable smoke from diesel vehicles.
- Work will begin within the next year on rules requiring inspection of medium-duty diesels.
- Air quality modeling evaluations are being done for a railroad yard and truck stop.
- Idle Air Truck Stop press event is scheduled in Bordentown on June 26.
- The Diesel Retrofit Program and the New Jersey Department of Treasury issued a request for proposal (RFPs) for retrofit vendors. The deadline for bids is June 19.
- The Diesel Risk Reduction Program has launched a public awareness and advertising campaign to educate the general public about the idling law. The theme of the campaign is “Idling Stinks...and It’s Against The Law.” Advertising will appear on billboards around the state, at minor league baseball stadiums, on New Jersey Transit buses, at PATCO rail stations and in newspaper inserts. Funding for this month-long effort was provided by USEPA.
- New Jersey recorded four exceedances in May and seven exceedances in June (as of June 27) of the 8-hour ozone health standard of 0.08 ppm. So far this year, New Jersey recorded one day that exceeded the 1-hour standard.
- In accordance with USEPA regulations, the New Jersey Air Monitoring Network Description was posted for public comment. The website address is <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/airmon/>
- Last week, the New Jersey Department of Treasury issued an RFP to solicit bids for a new contractor to operate the motor vehicle inspection program. The new contract will phase out the dynamometer.

Overview of High Electric Demand Days

Presented by Bill O’Sullivan, Director, Division of Air Quality:

See Attachment 2—Distributed at meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Hearing report to be finalized by June 29, 2007.
- Invite Jeanne Fox to the July 11 CAC meeting.
- Toby Hanna made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Maxwell. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- News Clips

NEXT MEETING

July 11, 2007, 9:30 a.m., NJDEP, 401 E. State St., 7th Floor Large Conference Room,
Trenton, NJ 08625