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NJ CLEAN AIR COUNCIL MEETING RECORD

Thomas Edison State College
Kelsey Building
101 W. State St. - Room 103
Trenton, NJ
October 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson, Toby Hanna opened the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: All of the Council members were present with the changes noted below.

EXCUSED: Dr. Leonard Bielory

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

PUBLIC: Jane Kozinski, Assistant Commissioner, NJDEP; Ed Choromanski, Administrator, Air Compliance and Enforcement; Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council

Meeting Record

The roll call was taken. The vote for the approval of September's minutes was tabled until the November 9, 2011 meeting.

Administrative Report

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

- 1. Public Input Sought for New Jersey Next Generation Motor Vehicle Inspection Program** – The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) is in the process of considering changes to the Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS). The current system is comprised of private inspections facilities (PIFs), state contractor operated centralized inspection facilities (CIFs), road side inspections, fleet inspections and school bus inspections and emissions repair facilities (ERFs).

The public is invited to provide views and opinions to help the State evaluate the MVIS at a public meeting to be held on October 19th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Motor Vehicle Commission's Regional Agency at 120 S. Stockton Street in Trenton. In order to develop options for the State's next vehicle Inspection and Maintenance program (2013-2018), a contractor, ERG, is soliciting input from a variety of stakeholders on the current program, as well as potential design options for the future program. This evaluation phase will conclude in mid to late October, and ERG will submit an Interim Report to the State by November 9, 2011, summarizing the findings and presenting options for the future program. DMV is managing this contract with technical assistance of NJDEP.

2. **The USEPA proposed to approve New Jersey's 2009/2010 motor vehicle inspection program revisions** – The USEPA Region 2 recently proposed to approve two State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions to the Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) program to reflect December 2009 and December 2010 rule changes. The proposed approval was published in the Federal Register on September 16, 2011. Some of the major changes included:

- Gasoline emission tests no longer require the use of a dynamometer;
- Gasoline emission tests now include On-Board Diagnostics (OBD), gas cap, visible smoke, idle test, and two-speed idle (TSI) tailpipe tests;
- Repair cost waiver provisions were removed;
- Gas cap testing is no longer necessary for vehicles of model year 2001 and newer as the OBD system effectively checks the gas cap;
- Commercial gasoline vehicles such as taxis and limousines now require annual inspection instead of biennial; and
- Light duty diesel vehicles model year 1997 and newer are now subject to OBD emission testing.

The 2010 I/M SIP revision reflected the change in the new vehicle inspection exemption from four (4) years to five (5) years and took credit for increased effectiveness of the Private Inspection Facility inspections.

3. **The Gasoline Inspection and Maintenance Program's Audit Section helps MVC uncover fraudulent vehicle emissions inspections** – The oversight and auditing of the I/M Program is a shared responsibility of the MVC and the DEP. The Quality Assurance & Audit Section (QAAS) of our Gasoline Inspection and Maintenance Program designed software to improve the State's ability to detect fraud occurring in the inspection program. The new software identified Private Inspection Facilities (PIF) that perform 'clean-scans'. The term 'clean-scanning' refers to the use of a known "good" (passing) vehicle during the emissions inspection to avoid failures.

4. **Diesel Program spends 100% of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant by September 30 deadline** – The Bureau of Mobile Sources has completed all activities under the ARRA Clean Diesel grant that expired on Sept. 30, 2011. Under the grant, a total of \$1.73 million was spent to install diesel particulate filters on 74 pieces of construction equipment using 98 retrofit devices. The filters reduce toxic diesel emissions. 28 New Jersey contractors participated as volunteers who have agreed to maintain the retrofits for a minimum of three years.

5. **Irene Storm Damage - Morristown Specialty Inspection Facility** – During hurricane Irene, the Morristown Specialty Inspection Facility (SIF) was submerged under five feet of water and the parking lot sustained major damage. The facility will not be re-opened. Instead, the recently closed Westfield Central Inspection Facility (CIF) will be re-commissioned as a specialty site.
6. **Paulsboro Refining Company (PRC) and Hess Port Reading Refinery** – PRC is having problems meeting their Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU) particulate limit. Hess Port Reading refinery is having problems with increased NOx emission levels from their FCCU. Hess appears to have identified the problem, and is implementing corrective actions. PRC is analyzing the problem and has also submitted an application for a variance to increase allowable emissions.

Remarks

*Jane Kozinski, Assistant Commissioner
Environmental Management, NJDEP*

Air Compliance and Enforcement Update

*Ed Choromanski, Administrator
Air Compliance and Enforcement, NJDEP*

Policy and Environment, Health & Safety (EH &S)

*Presented by Eric Svenson, Vice President
PSEG*

The presentation is on file

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- Members discussed two possible topics for the 2012 Public Hearing:
 - Area Sources
 - Mobile Sources
- A joint meeting between Clean Air Council and Clean Water Council is being arranged for the January 2012 meeting
- Chairperson Toby Hanna called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Opiekun made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nicky Sheats. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- News Articles
- BBC News article by Michelle Roberts, Health Reporter
 - Car fumes 'raise heart attack risk for six-hour window' - breathing in heavy traffic fumes can trigger a heart attack, say UK experts.

NEXT MEETING

November 9, 2011
IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St.
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