

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING 4-18
August 13, 2018**

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
Coleen Davis, USS, (ALT US Steel)
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
Richard Swartz
Michael Webb (ALT PPG)

Others Present

Lee Ann Brigs, EMAP/SBDC
Carly Dobbins-Bucklad, ACCD
Mark Donatelli, US Steel Retired
Michele Fetting, Breath Project
Stephen Hepler, DEP
Ned Mulcahy, GASP
Debra Smit, Breath Project
Angelo Taranto, ACCAN

Committee Members/ Not Present

Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council

ACHD Members Present

Jeff Bailey
Sandra Etzel
Karen M Sagel
Shaun Vozar

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Action: A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introduction.

2. Approval of Minutes April 14, 2018

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Robert Orchowski

3. Subcommittee Reports:

A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee** – Coleen Davis - met on July 11th 2018, highlights from the monitoring portion The Network Monitoring plan was submitted before the July 1st deadline, and the plan along with response to comments is on the County webpage. All the monitoring sites are now wireless although the County has been having problems with lighting strikes. Planning group has been working on the BLP Buoyant Line Plume Alternative Based demonstration for the SO₂ SIP, this hybrid technique was approved for Arizona SIP so the County is confident it will be approved but it is a process that has to be gone through. They are trying to finish it in the next couple of months then this technique will be used for the PM 2.5 SIP but it is anticipated it will be the last time this technique will be able to be used. The PM 2.5 SIP is due November 09 2019,

and is in progress. Part of that is Rambol Environ contract for modeling has been extended until September. The county intern is also working on a Hydrogen Sulfide analysis for the Liberty monitor.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday September 12, 2018 at 1:30.

- B. Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini reported the subcommittee met May 17 and July 19, 2018. Final report on the open burning material and working with municipalities was given. A brainstorming and idea round table was had with the idea of having a workshop for municipalities to educate them about Air Quality in Allegheny County and how the Health Department is available to help is what the subcommittee is going to develop for the 2019 project. Also talked about the voluntary no burn day for predicted strong inversion days and how best to communicate it to the public on the website.

The next meeting will be September 20, at 1:30 PM.

- C. Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski reported the committee did meet on July 10, 2018. The proposed regulation to end low RVP gasoline will be discussed later in tonight's meeting. The majority of the meeting was discussing the proposed changes to the Coke Oven Regulations. Bob shared the updated Regulations in Progress table.

The next meeting will be September 26, at 9:30 AM.

- 4. Proposed Regulation – Ending enforcement of Low Reid Pressure gasoline.**
Sandra Etzel presented a PowerPoint* explaining ending enforcement Low Reid Pressure gasoline. Jayme Graham explained there will be a vote on this, it is needing a regulation change to add a sentence to our already existing regulation that when it becomes ineffective at the state level it will also become ineffective at the local level. The state is removing it from their Ozone SIP so the County will need to follow suit. Bob added that the subcommittee agreed the proposed change should be brought to the Advisory Committee for recommendation to the Board of Health. Rachel Filippini asked when they do the noninterference demonstration, are they just looking at current sources of ozone or other ways that it could be reduced. Bob responded that if the area becomes non-attainment in the future then the whole regulation will change but he does not feel this would be a technical issue to prevent the request from going forward. Jayme clarified that the County is currently in attainment and not foreseeing not attaining the ozone requirements in the future. Jeanne Clark moved to vote the changes be taken to the Board of Health seconded by Steven Hvozdoovich, unanimous Steve, Mark, Jeanne, Sara Marie, Michael Webb, Richard Swartz, and Rachel.
- 5. Diesel Retrofits – Update on Volkswagen settlement for PA**
Shaun Vozar gave a brief PowerPoint* explaining the Volkswagen Settlement for Pennsylvania. He gave a brief description of how the money was being used and what the programs it was used for are and how they affect the air quality of Allegheny County. The

Health Department has not to date applied for any of the offered funds available. Various industries and how they would benefit from these funds and how that would affect the air quality of Allegheny County were discussed.

6. **Clean Air Fund Request for Proposals for Education & Emission Reductions – Jayme Graham** - Jayme gave a PowerPoint* presentation on how the Clean Air Funds for outreach and emissions reduction programs will be evaluated and how the request for funds are going to be evaluated. The applications for education programs has just opened, the funds could be for the cost of the project, the materials, whatever the funding would be needed for. The department is seeking applications between \$10,000 and \$75,000, the funding can be broken up among various requests not to exceed \$150,000. There will be an optional preproposal meeting here at the Clack Center if anyone has questions they are welcome to attend. There was a concern raised that three weeks was not a long enough time for groups to apply. There is also a question as to the definition of “eligible entities”. The definition was to be included in the original RFP and if it was left out, Jayme will have that addressed and corrected. There was an open discussion of suggested revisions and ideas for the next time.

7. **Report of the Air Program – Jayme Graham**

The program took enforcement action against Clairton Works and are currently following through with that. The Clack Center parking lot is being repaved to prevent water coming into the basement of Clack Building # 7 which was creating an extremely dangerous situation as it welled up around the electrical box located in the basement. The Department has been doing a number of Quality Improvement projects and Jayme will share those at the next meeting. The state is in the process of finalizing a purposed emissions fees and the department will follow what the state does. Jayme also addressed the underground fire at the old PGW Glass plant in Creighton PA. There are no underground mines in that area. The origin of the fire is still being investigated and the department is working with the DEP to find a solution for this.

8. **Other Business/Citizen Comments**

Debra Smit, Breath Project – Would like to add its voice to the proposed RFP guidelines and to apply for Clean Air funds on this evenings agenda. We’d like to thank the County Health Department for making this money available for education initiatives and projects that will improve our air quality. We would also like to support others who voiced several concerns about the RFPs and would like to request an extension beyond the three-week deadline. They also agree the application process is cumbersome and needs to be streamlined. Although there have been many groups that have benefitted from the Clean Air fund, some other projects such as new windows in the Air Quality offices and \$100,000.00 for an architecture firm to design a new building for the Air Quality program was not a very good use of these funds.

Mark Donatelli, Retired US Steel - In California they passed a law that within two years if you have a business or a home you have to have solar collectors on them. Do we have any laws like that in Pennsylvania? Both Dan and Jayme said no.

Angelo Taranto, ACCAN – Wanted to add ACCAN’s voice to objecting to using Clean Air funds for office renovations. Wanted to support what has been said about making the applications for the Clean Air Funds more user friendly. Suggested a good use of the Clean Air funds would be to adequately staff the Air Department, there are only two inspectors for the entire county which is completely inadequate.

Jayme Graham – requested changing the date of the next meeting to the 22nd because of a conflicting meeting. There was consensus across the Committee.

9. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 07:05 pm. Jeanne Clark moved to adjourn and Sara Marie Baldi seconded the motion. The next meeting is October 22, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham

*All power points available upon request.