

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING 4-18
October 22, 2018**

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
Coleen Davis, USS, (ALT US Steel)
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Steven Hvozdovich, Clean Water Action
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council

Others Present

Lee Ann Brigs, EMAP/SBDC
Mike Dzurinko USS
Stephen Hepler, DEP
Matt Mehalik, Breath Project
Ned Mulcahy, GASP
Angelo Taranto, ACCAN

Committee Members/ Not Present

Michael Corcoran, PPG
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
Richard Swartz

ACHD Members Present

Jayne Graham
Sandra Etzel
Tom Lattner
Karen M Sagel
Jason Willis

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 August 13, 2018

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Robert Orchowski

3. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee – Coleen Davis reported that the group met September 12 2017. The PM-2.5 data certification packet was submitted; it had good collection support from the lab. There has been an EPA funding delay in installing the PAMS (Photo Chemical Assessment Monitoring Stations) equipment. ACHD continues on PAMS room preparation. The Deputy Director is interested in purchasing a rapid release/mobile camera. An H2S analysis update showed no seasonal trends, looked at wind pattern and presented statistical analysis. A demonstration and request to use an alternate model was submitted July 16 and will be used for both the SO2 and PM2 SIPs. The PM 2.5 SIP Update – projections at or below standard for all monitors, not seeing a lot of precursor formation from NH3 & VOC so focusing on primary SO2 and NOx.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 1:30 pm.

- B. Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini reported that the subcommittee met September 20th. The bulk of the discussion was on the regarding a purposed half day workshop on Air Quality for the local municipalities. There was a repetitive from the Local Government Academy who was very helpful on how they would be able to assist with this project. The committee is still trying to figure out what all the subparts of the workshop will be, what the topics will be, what role outside organizations will have with the workshop, and various other discussions. There was discussion with the committee that some of the members are still dissatisfied with the current open burning regulations and would like the regulations strengthened. That may come up as discussion at a later time.

The next will be, November 15, at 1:30 PM.

- C. Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski reported the committee met on October 2, 2018. Staff reviewed draft regulations to satisfy PM-2.5 SIP requirements to include New Source Review changes for PM-2.5 and its precursors. This will be presented in today's meeting. The NOx Reasonable Available Control Technology II was reviewed, a long discussion of whether to incorporate the State Program by reference or by verbatim, the verbatim approach was chosen so the staff is proceeding with that. The first draft of the changes for the coke over gases might be covered at the next meeting.

The next will be, November 20, at 9:30 AM.

4. Proposed Regulation –

A. New Source Review regulations changes – Request to go to public comment. Tom Lattner – Non-Attainment Source Review Regulations. Tom passed out a handout of definition and regulation changes for review.* The draft followed the DEP draft regulations regarding the changes. Tom explained all the changes and asked for recommendation to take the document to the Board of Health for public comment.

Motion by Bob seconded by John – Unanimous

B. Low Reid Vapor Pressure regulations – Request for conditional final approval. Tom Lattner gave a review of Low Reid Vapor Pressure Regulations and asked for a conditional recommendation to take the document to the Board of Health for final approval. Because there are still 6 hours left for comments to be received, if no adverse comments are received, the request would be taken to the Board of Health.

Motion by Chip seconded by John – Unanimous

5. **Clean Air Fund Request**

A. Request for 5% of Clean Air Fund to support 2019 operational cost. – Jayme Graham is asking for the 5 % operational cost for the 2019 year. This is allowed under the Clean Air Fund regulation. Because the County Budget is still being completed, Jayme was asked to have this reviewed earlier than the end of the year. It is not the exact number as the available amount is based on the account at December 31st. At a later meeting Jayme will still present the expenditures of 2018 and the projected budget for 2019. She is asking permission to go to the Board of Health to get permission to spend 5% of whatever the balance sits at on December 31 of this year. Jayme provided an approximate budget for these funds. Rachel asked what the Legal expenses line item was broken down to; Jayme explained it was mostly salary expenses for the lawyers that work specifically for the Air Quality Department. Bob asked if there was any check on what is spent on Legal, Jayme explained these are actual staff that have offices and are full time in the building strictly for Air Quality issues. Rachel asked if the lawyers are working on Title V would that still be billed out of the Clean Air Fund, Jayme explained Title V does not permit use for enforcement actions.

Motion by Bob seconded by Jeanne/John – Unanimous

B. Request to support internships – Jayme Graham. The program has found the use of interns to be very helpful doing small work within the department and would like to expand the intern program into more colleges in the area. The internships in past have been very helpful to the students as well for education in environmental and government work. The intent is just to pay the interns \$10 - \$12 and hour no benefits no lunches, -part time in between classes during the school year, and full- and part-time summer interns. The department would like \$60,000 from the Clean Air Fund for the Intern Program.

Motion by Jeanne seconded by John – Unanimous

6. **Report of the Air Quality Program – Jayme Graham** – The Clean Air Fund Request for the \$300,000 for Pollution Prevention has been closed and the final evaluation is being completed. If no one objects, to move this along, Jayme would like to mail the final report out to the board members so that it can be reviewed by the next meeting. There was some frustration by the Committee that the requests will be approved based solely on the scoring mechanism included in the Request for Proposals. We will have further discussion about the requests to be presented to the board. The intent is to have the contracts start at the beginning of the year. This is the first time the scoring system is being used. The subcommittee is going to see how this works and will possibly review it for next time.

The Department submitted an alternate model request and that has been approved and signed by EPA. We have not only used it for both our SIPs but by West Virginia for their SIPs as well. The SO₂ SIP is soon to be signed and published as purposed approval by EPA. US Steel Clairton has appealed the 2018 enforcement action and one million dollar fine. We have lost one of our staff in monitoring and we are looking to fill the position as

soon as possible. Because of the Title V audit review, we received permission to hire two permitting staff. One will be a contract person and one will be a permanent on staff person.

7. Other Business/Citizen Comments

Angelo Taranto, ACCAN – requests the ACHD increase the Enforcement Staff. The amount of pollution in the local air shed requires a larger staff for better coverage.

Matt Mehalik, Breath Project – The application process for the Clean Air Fund, the application for the grant needs redesigned. The current process is extremely complicated and difficult for smaller groups to complete. There were no directions for the website; the timeline for submitting was not possible for many smaller groups.

Ned Mulcahy, GASP – Looking at the NSR proposal updates, how does Allegheny County demand to see modeling from a non-attainment source. Jayme said if a source is affecting the air quality of the county, the county does have the right to request that information from a source.

8. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 06:40 pm. Jeanne moved to adjourn and Bob seconded the motion. The next meeting is December 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham

*All power points and handouts available upon request.