

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING – 4- 20  
August 24, 2020 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members/(Alts) Present**

Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)  
Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN  
Michael Corcoran, PPG  
Coleen Davis, US Steel alternate  
Rachel Filippini, GASP  
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group  
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council  
Michael Winek, Babst, Calland alternate

**Others Present**

Karen Brenner, Citizen  
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP  
Brain Charles, Western Pennsylvania  
Conservancy – Tree Vitalize Project  
Brian Crooks, Western Pennsylvania  
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Suzanne Doolen, Citizen  
Amanda Gillooly, G.A.S.P.  
Christine Graziano, Plant Five for Life  
David Hacker, US Steel  
Steven Hepler, DEP  
Brian Joos, Citizen  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP  
Sean Nolan  
Josh Schneider  
George Stewart  
Ken Zapinski, Pittsburgh Works

**Committee Members/ Not Present**

Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Richard Schwartz

**ACHD Members Present**

Jeff Bailey  
Dean Deluca  
David Good  
Jayme Graham  
Caitlin Grosse  
Allason Holt  
Jim Kelly  
Tom Lattner  
Jason Maranche  
Karen M. Sagel  
Brendon Turley

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. **Chair's Remarks – Dan Bricmont** – No comments were made at this time.

**3. Approval of Minutes June 2020 meeting – approved with corrections**

**Action:** Moved by Jean Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven Hvozdoch – Rachel pointed Section VII the last paragraph the last sentence was unfinished. All proposals should follow procedures will be added to the minutes.

**4. Sub Committee Reports:**

**A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee – Coleen Davis – Met August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
The Annual Network Plan was submitted to the EPA on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Five-Year Plan was also sent to the EPA. The Air Toxic NATTs we have the equipment and the County is finalizing the Quality Assurance Project Plan. The first sample was going to be run on 19<sup>th</sup> of August. High School. The South Allegheny School District asked that that the Liberty monitor be moved across the roof of the building to be able access it without entering their building. They did delay that request until the end of the school year. The Swissvale Metals study, a one-year study, began June 15<sup>th</sup> and the information will be put on the website. We are discontinuing the PM-10 South Fayette monitor. We are purchasing a portable H2S monitor which is being tested in Lawrenceville and North Braddock with the intention of buying 10 more. One SO2 hourly exceedance so far this year was measured at the North Braddock monitor. There were no ozone exceedances in 2019 but five so far in 2020. PM 2.5 has not had any exceedances so far this year; all sites are below their 2019 levels. These are historic lows for PM 2.5. Also discussed the Motor Vehicle Emission Budget to the PM 2.5 SIP which will be discussed later in the agenda.

The next meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM via Teams

**B. Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee – Rachel Filippini – There was no meeting in July and the next meeting date is in September but not sure of the date if there will be a meeting. Rachel will work with Karen M. Sagel on scheduling the next meeting.**

**C. Regulation Subcommittee – Bob Orchowski – Met July 21<sup>st</sup>. Bob pointed everyone to the Regulations in Progress status table which has been updated. Bob covered the highlights of the changes. The draft revision to the coke oven monitoring regulations were not ready to be brought to public comment and will be discussed again at the next meeting. The Permit Fee Regulation was approved at the Board of Health; the actual amounts will wait until the state finalizes theirs in order to compare them against our staffing analysis to see if it is appropriate for us to use the same fee structure they have. The state rule is on its way to the IRRC and scheduled for September.**

The next meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM

## 5. Regulations & SIP Changes

a. Source Testing Manual regulations, including the manual – Tom Lattner - The Source Testing Manual is not a regulation itself and does not get approval, but it does go out to public comment. The Department is asking for a recommendation to move the regulations to public comment. Tom reviewed the changes that have been made. Bob Orchowski there were no adverse comments or positions taken from the Regulations Sub Committee. Mark Jefferies questioned the scheduling of this regulation with the coke oven draft regulations. Jayme said there will be a little bit of a disjoin until the State Regulations are finalized. Until then US Steel will be following the US Steel Settlement of 2019. Chip Babst questioned why the regulation doesn't run concurrently with the Coke Oven Regulation SIP to avoid confusion. Jayme said the intent was to have them run concurrent with each other but the Coke Oven Regs might get delayed and the Department wanted to move this forward, but it really looks like they will be going to County Council at the same time. Michael Winek questioned a sentence about measuring water that might have been left by accident. Tom Lattner agreed it was a concern to have that sentence in there and will be reviewed and addressed. Jayme said the version she has had it deleted and agrees it should be deleted.

**Action:** Moved by Robert Orchowski 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanne Clark – Mark Jefferies opposed, Chip Babst abstained.

b. PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP - Mobile Source Emission Budget – Jason Maranche gave a review of the SIP that the EPA reviewed and is proposing to approve. The Department is requesting approval for recommendation to the Board of Health for final adoption and then to the EPA for their approval.

**Action:** Moved by Jeanne Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel Filippini – Unanimous

c. Ozone RACT 2 Certification SIP – Tom Lattner reviewed the SIP. Mark questioned how sources that have permits in appeal affect this submittal. Tom said that information will not affect this at all. Ones that will be approved after the final approval will be submitted as a change.

**Action:** Moved by Rachel Filippini 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven Hvozdoich – unanimous.

6. **Clean Air Fund Procedures – Brandon Turley** – Stated that the balance of the Clean Air Fund is about 11.7 million dollars; subtracting outstanding contracts leaved roughly 9.2 million. If every contract before us today passes it will be at 8 million dollars. The full time fund contract administrator that was approved last year had been stalled by the Covid situation, but the Department is once again moving forward with that. Procedure changes being considered includes such as making letters of support a requirement for all requests,

looking at a more on-line format for submitting application, and not using Clean Air Funds to pay salaries. Rachel questioned about the availability of the proposed new guidance document. It will be made available when the work group finalizes it.

## 7. Clean Air Fund Requests

a. TreeVitalize, \$98,000 – Brain Crooks – request is to plant 200 street trees in various low income areas. The trees will be divided among 15 communities by the assessment of the communities requested the trees. All the trees will be planted by the WPC and will have maintenance events in the future to care for the trees. The municipalities will not be permitted to move or remove the trees.

**Action:** Moved by Steven Hvozdovich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanne Clark – unanimous.

b. Plant Five for Life / GreenHeart Pittsburgh, \$59,560 - Christine Graziano – Planting 500 trees in various locations in the Carnegie and Churchhill area. This program is not relying on the families of newborns to plant the trees, this is a revised proposal for more sturdy trees to be placed in locations to provide a break from mobile sources pollution. There will be a collaboration with tree experts to assure the health of the planted trees.

**Action:** Moved by Mark Jeffrey 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Palmiere – unanimous.

c. Air Toxics & H2S Monitoring Equipment, \$340,000 – David Good – Department is requesting funds to be able to do an Air Toxics Study in the Mon Valley Area. This study will go well beyond the normal operating cost of the Air Quality Program as this will be a specific study on the Mon Valley air. The results will be made available to the public. Catlin Grosse will be a contracted employee to do data analysis related to this study.

**Action:** Moved by Jeanne Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Palmiere – unanimous with Mark Jefferies abstaining.

d. Permit & Enforcement software - \$210,000 – Allason Holt – This is a request to update the current software system for the Permitting and Enforcement sections of the air program. This will cover parts of the cost in development of the program and management of the program. The management of the software including the cloud-hosting is included for the first three years as part of the total bid; later years will be folded into normal program operating costs. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$660,000. Up to \$330,000 will come from the Title V fund, and \$120,000 had already been approved from a previous Clean Air Fund request for a more limited software project. Advisory Committee members strongly objected to this request to include maintenance fees and the cloud-hosting fee. The feeling is that these are operating costs, rather than a project costs. If they are to be charged to the Clean Air Fund, they should come

from the 5% already allowed for operating costs. This was the reason given for those who voted against this proposal.

**Action:** Moved by John Palmiere 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanne Clark. Mike, Steve, Chip, Mark, and Bob opposed, Dan, Jeanne, Rachel and John for FAILED 5-4

e. Experts and Technical Support - \$500,000 – Jayme Graham – This request is for additional experts and technical support to add additional support to the Department on an as needed basis such as asbestos experts, legal, or epidemiologists. Caitlin Grosse will be paid out of this funding. The Committee would like to have more oversight on these expenditures and the grant should be on a yearly basis instead of a three-year sum. A suggestion was made to make it lesser amount for two years, but it did not make it to a full proposal. It will go to the Board of Health with the Committee's comments.

c. **Action:** Moved by Rachel seconded by John – Chip, Mark, Bob, and John opposed, Jeanne, Mike, Rachel, Steve, and Dan for PASSED 5 - 4

8. **Report of the Air Quality Program** – Jayme Graham – No information to report

9. **Other Business/Citizen Comments** – No comments or other business were heard.

10. **Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 07:57 pm

The next meeting is October 5th 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.