

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM via T
MEETING**

June 7, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

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

Others Present

Abdul Alobireed, Pitt Environmental and
Occupational Health
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP
Sandra Carl, Crompco
Mark Dixon, Citizen
Amanda Gillooly, GASP
Hamish Gordon, CMU
Steve Hepler, DEP
Ed Kubinsky, Crompco
Ned Mulcahy, GASP
Carol Wivell, Citizen
Ken Zapinski, Pittsburgh Works Together
Darla J. Cravotta, Allegheny County

Committee Members/ Not Present

Richard Schwartz
Anna Siefken
Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission

ACHD Members Present

Jeff Bailey
Patrick Dowd
Sandra Etzel
Jayme Graham
Kim Joyce
Jim Kelly
Tom Lattner
Paulette Poulet

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

3. Approval of Minutes April 12, 2021 meeting – approved with no changes.

Action: Moved by Chip Babst, 2nd by John Palmiere – unanimous with a spelling correction to Jeanne Clark's name.

4. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Sub-Committee

Coleen Davis reported that the sub-committee met June 1, 2021. New dispersion forecast is on website. Swissvale metals survey scheduled to run until June 13th, then County will assess data. County is working on automated precision checks currently done by staff biweekly, would improve QA process and save manpower. Annual network plan is scheduled to be ready mid-June and finalized after July 1st deadline; EPA has given permission for late submittal. One PM_{2.5} exceedance in March. Monitor had shown an exceedance in April but FRM came back below the standards, so it was not an exceedance. No exceedances so far of ozone or SO₂. PM limited maintenance plan was adopted by Board of Health and submitted by DEP. PM_{2.5} attainment demonstration was effective June 14th, 2021. There could still be ruling of clean data which would suspend SIP. There is conditional approval for contingency measures. The next meeting is August 3, 2021 at 10:30 AM.

B. Pollution Prevention and Education Sub-Committee

Rachel Filippini reported that the sub-committee met on May 20, 2021. The group discussed the updated Air Quality Dashboard and how ACHD has been doing more in terms social media and getting more content to the general public on Air Quality action days. Upcoming odor studies, future topics and possible new members were also discussed. The next meeting is July 15, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

C. Regulation Sub-Committee

Bob Orchowski reported that the sub-committee met on May 18, 2021 and reviewed the Regulations in Progress Table and deletion of Stage II Controls. Discussion related to permit advertisement is being revised to address review and will take place at the next meeting, which will occur on July 20, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

5. Regulations: Stage I & II Gasoline Station Rules – recommendation for Board of Health to go to public comment

Tom Lattner presented the SIP change involving Stage I & II Gasoline Station Rules. Stage I is equipment that affects vapor releases from underground storage tanks, and Stage II affect the nozzle. Analysis shows that this requirement for having Stage II systems in PA can be removed now that most automobiles have onboard vapor recovery systems. The changes also make testing requirements more thorough. ACHD will be applying the same changes that the state made to existing County regulations and incorporating the PA code by reference.

Action: Chip Babst moved to recommend approval to the Board of Health and John Palmiere seconded the motion. With a roll call vote member voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board of Health.

6. ACHD Air Quality Ambassador Program

Jim Kelly presented an overview of the project which will allow contractors to bid on outreach projects that will encourage a significant increase of registration with the Allegheny Alerts system. Ambassadors will broaden and extend environmental health communication, provide information and connect directly with residents. Ambassadors will receive training from ACHD. Program will focus on 22 priority communities identified by Mon Valley Air Episode Rule. Members discussed concerns regarding potential conflicts of interest, applicant outreach, and consistency and expertise of messaging. The Chair requested for this topic to be listed as an agenda item for the next meeting to give members a greater understanding of the program.

7. Overview of the ACHD Air Quality Program

Overview of the ACHD AQ Program was removed from the agenda due to the absence of new committee members.

8. Status of Clean Air Fund Requests

Impromptu agenda item proposed by the Chair, due to questions raised by several members. Clean Air Fund Requests have been delayed due to other commitments that were made to the Department. There are a number of comments to the last round. Jayme has received several inquiries regarding clean air fund requests, including one from US Steel. ACHD will present to the committee within the next three weeks. Members voiced concern regarding the delay. Comments will be distributed to committee members and this topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Report of the Air Program – Jayme Graham reported an ozone exceedance and potential PM_{2.5} exceedance from continuous monitor, pending filter analysis. Two engineers in monitoring retired and ACHD is moving quickly to fill those positions. PAAMS ozone photochemical system is required to be in for July. Cross training staff to operate. ACHD is considering applying for the Targeted Airshed grant that allows for pollution prevention and emission reducing activities in the county.

10. Other Business/Citizen Comments – Bob Orchowski asks if there are plans to return to in-person meetings. No decision has been made but it is likely that Board of Health will meet in person in July, so it is anticipated that the County will begin to move in that direction. There is a suggestion that meetings should continue with the option to attend remotely.

11. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment August 9, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Action: Chip Babst moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM and John Palmiere seconded with the members voting unanimously to approve.

*All power points and handouts available upon request.