

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
February 7, 2022 - 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
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council
Anna Siefken, CMU
Jill Vovaris, PPG Alternate

Others Present

John Baillie, GASP
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP
Patrick Campbell, GASP
Coleen Davis, US Steel
Amanda Gillooly, GASP
Christopher Hardin, US Steel
David Hacker, US Steel
Steven Hepler, DEP
Brian Joos, Citizen
Ned Mulcahy, GASP
Brett Tunno, US Steel
Jay Ting Walker, Clean Air Council
Carol Wivell, Citizen
Ken Zapinski, Pittsburgh Works Together

Committee Members/ Not Present

Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission
Michael Corcoran, PPG

ACHD Members Present

Jeff Bailey
Dr. Debra Bogen
Dean Deluca
Patrick Dowd
Jayme Graham
Tom Lattner
Vijyalakshmi Patel
Karen M. Sagel
Shannon Sandberg
Jason Willis

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

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

2. Chair's Remarks – Dan Bricmont, the chair, had no remarks.

3. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair:

- Election of the Chair

Action: Bob Orchowski nominated Dan Bricmont and Chip Babst seconded. No other nominations were offered. Nominations were closed and the committee voted unanimously to approve Dan Bricmont as Chair.

- Election of Vice Chair

Action: Jeanne Clark nominated Chip Babst, which was seconded by Dan Bricmont. No other nominations were offered. Nominations were closed and the committee voted unanimously to approve Chip Babst as Vice Chair.

4. Approval of Minutes October 18, 2021, and December 13, 2021, meetings:

The minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2021 were brought back up for approval. Dan Bricmont referred to a request made by Mark Jeffery regarding follow-up information. Members requested corrections the attendance list and additional items.

Action: John Palmiere moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting and Sara Marie Baldi seconded the motion. After discussion, Bob Orchowski moved to table the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Palmiere and approved unanimously. The motion to approve the minutes was tabled.

There followed a discussion of the minutes from the December 13, 2021 meeting in which Dan Bricmont identified the errors on the attendance list.

Action: John Palmiere moved to correct the minutes as identified and to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Bob Orchowski. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

The committee discussed concerns regarding the minutes and Jayme encouraged any members with suggested changes for the October minutes to email her.

5. Sub Committee Reports:

A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee

The subcommittee on February 1, 2022. David Good provided an updated on the monitoring network. Access remains good to all the monitors. The new trailer at Liberty has been delivered and the necessary electrical update had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. The North Braddock PM_{2.5} Instrument is fully integrated and is pulling data. The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) applied for American Rescue Plan funds and is still waiting to hear if they will be approved. There is a second opportunity for funds through the American Rescue Plan for enhanced community air monitoring. The ACHD intends to apply for the grant to integrate low-cost monitors and possibly air toxics and speciated PM. They may submit more than one application. The Near Road Monitor on the Parkway East did not pass quality assurance checks after a planned outage. The unit was faulty and a replacement was not available. The monitoring staff relocated the Harrison Monitor for NO_x. All monitors are showing attainment.

Jason Maranche provided an update on the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Update. After discussions with the EPA, the ACHD has decided not to proceed with contingency measures for the PM_{2.5} SIP. The EPA made a “clean data” determination which will be finalized in the next month. The EPA advised ACHD to proceed to the maintenance and redesignation request as soon as possible. The ACHD is still looking to see if this has to go out to public comment.

The next meeting is April 5, 2022 at 10:30 AM via Teams.

B. Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee

The subcommittee met on January 20, 2022. Mark Jeffery was appointed chair of the Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee. Because he was unable to attend the meeting, Jayme Graham provided the report.

The Ambassador Program continues to reach out across the area encompassed by the Mon Valley Episode Rule and sign people up for Allegheny Alerts. Jayme committed to providing information requested by the committee at the next meeting. Jayme also provided an update on the work of the Communication Specialist for Environmental Health. Jayme also reported that the new Enfotech permit and enforcement system is being released in phases, that the open burning literature is being brought up-to-date without major changes, and that the ACHD is talking with CMU on how best to receive data from the Smell PGH complaints. Any major changes to the burning material will be shared with this subcommittee.

The next meeting is March 17, 2022 at 1:30 PM via Teams and in person.

C. Regulation Subcommittee

The subcommittee met on January 18, 2022. Bob Orchowski referred everyone to the Regulations in Progress status table which has been updated. Bob covered the highlights of the changes.

The next meeting is March 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

6. Regulations:

- a. Coke Oven Gas Regulations. Dean DeLuca presented the proposed revisions to Article XXI regarding Coke Ovens and requested that the committee recommend sending the proposed revisions for public comment. Bob Orchowski offered comments from the Regulations Subcommittee.

Action: John Palmiere to recommend that the Board of Health send the proposed revisions to the public for comment. Bob Orchowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Oil & Gas Incorporation by Reference of State Regulation. Tom Lattner shared the proposed revisions to Article XXI incorporating by reference the state regulations regarding Oil & Gas. He requested the committee recommend the

proposed revisions for public comment. Bob Orchowski offered comments from the Regulations Subcommittee.

Action: John Palmiere moved to recommend the Board of Health send the proposed revisions to the public for comment. Jeanne Clark seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

7. Report of the Air Program –

Jayne Graham reported on the work of the Air Quality Program. The ACHD expects the Clean Air Determination to be published in March. This is a recognition that the area is measuring attainment but not an area redesignation. This would be the first of five steps towards redesignation. Allegheny County remains a non-attainment area.

All sources covered by the Mon Valley Episode Rule submitted plans. Of the sixteen, six have been returned for more information and/or revisions. Nonetheless, all plans are considered active. The submittals and letters are available on the Air Quality Program's website.

Bob Orchowski asked why sources were not given a chance to correct their plans before receiving letters noting the deficiencies of their plans. Jayme explained that sources received letters indicating that their plan had been reviewed and what changes were required.

Dan Bricmont suggested that perhaps the Committee should have a policy on holding virtual meetings. If there is any interest in having a discussion about this please send the request and suggestions to Karen Sagel.

Dan Bricmont also asked if information from an air pollution event in November that was discussed in December could be shared with the members. Jayme said if the data is available, she will send it out to the members.

8. Other Business/Citizen Comments – No comments

9. Adjournment

Action: Bob Orchowski moved to adjourn and Chip Babst seconded the motion. The committee approved it unanimously. The meeting concluded at 6:52 PM.