

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**June 13, 2022 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members Present**

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law (TEAMS)  
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair) (TEAMS)  
Anna Batista, High Street Consulting (TEAMS)  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN (in person)  
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action (TEAMS)  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel (in person)  
Courtney Maronich Vita, Friends of the Riverfront (TEAMS)  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group (TEAMS)  
Jill Vovaris, PPG (Alternate) (TEAMS)

**Participants Present**

Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP (TEAMS)  
Patrick Campbell, GASP (TEAMS)  
Coleen Davis, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Tammy Firda, Lincoln Borough (TEAMS)  
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)  
John Graham, (TEAMS)  
Christopher Hardin, US Steel (TEAMS)  
David Hacker, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Stephen Hepler, DEP (TEAMS)  
Matthew Mehalik, CMU Breath Project (TEAMS)  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP (TEAMS)  
Sue Seppi, GASP (TEAMS)  
Brett Tunno, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Tishie Woodwell, USS (TEAMS)  
Ken Zapinski, (TEAMS)

**Committee Members Not Present**

Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission  
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Michael Corcoran, PPG  
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council  
Anna Siefken, CMU

**ACHD Staff Present**

Patrick Dowd, COO ACHD (in person)  
David Good, ACHD (in person)  
Sandy Fischer, ACHD (TEAMS)  
Tom Lattner, ACHD (in person)  
Jason Maranche, ACHD (in person)  
Karen M Sagel, ACHD (in person)  
Jason Willis, ACHD (TEAMS)

**Prior to the call to order a discussion was held regarding recording the Air Advisory meetings. It was agreed that this meeting will be recorded until the matter can be discussed further.**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

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

A quorum was present.

**2. Chair's Remarks**

The chair had no remarks

**3. Approval of Minutes April 11, 2022, meeting:**

**Action:** Ms. Clark moved to table the approval of the minutes from April 11. Mr. Orchowski seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the motion to table the approval of April 11, 2022 meeting minutes.

**4. Subcommittee Reports**

a. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee:

Ms. Davis reported that the subcommittee met on June 7, 2022. At that time, the group learned that the Air Quality Program has submitted proposals to the EPA for monitoring equipment. The subcommittee received reports of instrumentation challenges for the monitoring network. One issue related to a software issue and the Air Quality program was working with the manufacturer to resolve it. M. Davis reported that the Network Monitoring Plan had gone through public comment and that the program would be responding to comments and then submitting the plan for approval in the fall. There has been one official PM2.5 exceedance to date with another possible in April but the Air Quality Program is still awaiting the FRM data and confirmation. The Air Quality Program members also presented a draft version of the Request for Redesignation and the corresponding Maintenance Plan. The Air Quality Program plans to have an updated and final draft ready for public comment in August or September. After reviewing and responding to comments, the program plans to submit the documents to the EPA in November. This SIP revision does not need Board of Health approval.

The National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference will be held in Pittsburgh on August 22-25. Members of the Air Quality Program and ACHD overall plan to attend. Finally, M. Davis reported that the next meeting would be on August 2, 2022 at 5:30 PM

b. Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee:

Mr. Jeffrey reported that the group met on May 19. At that time the Subcommittee discussed the episode rule, updates, the 4/24 warning event, and communication.

Air Quality Ambassador Update – 9 contracts were awarded as of May 1. There have been 378 new subscriptions since the awarding of the contracts. The total number of Air Ambassadors is being evaluated and will be reported at the next meeting.

Air Quality Action Days – The subcommittee discussed modifying the website to help the public understand why Ozone Days are issued, difference between Episode Rule and Ozone Action Days, and possible impacts to people's health.

Environmental Communications Specialist Update – The Air Quality Program participated in Air Quality Awareness Week May 2 – 6, there has been a deliberate and focused social media effort including additional information on AQI, which appeared to be well received.

Possible topics for the next meeting were discussed and include goals for the subcommittee, looking at potential options to reenergize the subcommittee, and compliance page update discussion; of note, the subcommittee moved to an evening session to help improve communication and participation. This change will be evaluated in the future.

Finally, Mr. Jeffrey reported that the next meeting would be held on July 21, 2022 at 5:30 PM

c. Regulation Subcommittee:

Mr. Orchowski reported that the group met on May 24, 2022. At that time, the move to the 5:30PM meeting time was discussed and will be further evaluated

The RACT III regulation was discussed.

Mr. Lattner with ACHD, gave an update on the Regulations Table and reviewed the information that was shared with the members.

Finally, Mr. Orchowski reported that the next meeting would be scheduled for July 19, 2022.

## **5. Regulations:**

- A. 2015 Ozone RACT requirement – recommendation to go to public comment – Tom Lattner

**Action:** Mr. Orchowski moved to recommend the Board of Health send the proposed revisions to the public for comment. Mr. Babst seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

## **6. PM2.5 State Implementation Plan Progress Update – Jason Maranche**

An update on the Redesignation of the Standards was provided, there were not any follow-up questions or comments.

## **7. Clean Air Fund**

Mr. Dowd said there were no requests at this time to present. The previously tabled request was discussed and ACHD provided guidance on the process of removing it from the table or to leave it tabled. Mr. Jeffery made a motion to remove the Clean Air Fund request by US Steel and the Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities from the table and open it up for discussion and vote to recommend for approval to the Board of Health. This was seconded by Ms. Clark. After further discussion, including potential conflict-of-interest issue, the committee again tabled the motion. The committee agreed to discuss it at the next meeting.

Mr. Dowd reported that the Board of Health approved the \$30,000 for the development of a health study as requested by ACHD Director Dr. Bogen.

## **8. Report of the Air Program**

Mr. Good, provided an overview of the Air Program, including personnel updates. Public comment period for several Title V operating permits is underway, including US Steel Edgar Thomson Works, along with Magnus Products and TMS International. They went into public comment May 26 and will be in public comment through June 30. There will be a public hearing in Braddock on June 29 at the Rivers Edge VFW Social Hall.

The Consent Decree between US Steel Edgar Thomson Works, Environmental Protection Agency, and Allegheny County Health Department was briefly mentioned.

The Monitoring Act Network Plan was in Public Comment from May 10 through June 9, 2022.

## **9. Community Health Improvement Plan Update**

Mr. Dowd provided an update for the renewal of the accreditation of the Health Department. He also spoke about the Community Health Assessment to evaluate what the County needs are and encouraged participation in the surveys and meetings.

## **10. Other Business/Citizen Comments**

Ned Mulcahy from GASP – questioned the Clean Air Fund Request from US Steel and would like ACHD to share how requests for proposals are received and reviewed.

Tammy Firda a council member of Lincoln Borough explained the Community Benefit Trust.

Ned Mulcahy from GASP – Requested an update on moving the Air Quality Program out of the Clack Center. ACHD said there is no update at this time.

Matthew Mehalik, CMU Breath Project – suggested the committee look for some Professional Development Training.

## **11. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

**Action:** Dan Bricmont moved to adjourn, and everyone seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 7:12 PM. The next meeting is August 8, 2022 at 5:30 PM.