

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
August 8, 2022 - 5:30 PM**

Committee Members Present

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

Participants Present

Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP (in person)
Patrick Campbell, GASP (TEAMS)
Coleen Davis, US Steel (TEAMS)
Mike Dzurinko, US Steel (TEAMS)
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)
Stephen Hepler, DEP (TEAMS)
Brian Joos, Citizen (TEAMS)
Angela Kilbert, Penn Future (TEAMS)
Richard Lattanzi, Clairton Mayor (TEAMS)
Bill Pfoff, Rankin Council (TEAMS)
Ned Mulcahy, GASP (TEAMS)
Brett Tunno, US Steel (TEAMS)
Delia Lennon-Whitson, Braddock Mayor (in person)
Michael Winek, Babst Calland (TEAMS)
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)
Tishie Woodwell, USS (TEAMS)
734-589-9375 Unknown (TEAMS)

Committee Members Not Present

Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Michael Corcoran, PPG
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council
Anna Siefken, CMU

ACHD Staff Present

Dean DeLuca, ACHD (in person)
Patrick Dowd, ACHD (in person)
Sandy Fischer, ACHD (TEAMS)
Tom Lattner, ACHD (in person)
Jason Maranche, ACHD (in person)
Geoff Rabinowitz, ACHD (in person)
Karen M Sagel, ACHD (in person)
Wesley Speary, ACHD (in person)
Jason Willis, ACHD (in person)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

A quorum was present.

Introduction of Geoff Rabinowitz as ACHD's new Deputy Director of Environmental Health.

- 2. Chair's Remarks** - Dan Bricmont remarked that in his opinion the comments made by a participant at the end of the last meeting was not appropriate. The concerns were shared by various members of the committee. No action was proposed from this discussion.

The committee discussed the recording of Advisory Committee meetings. The ACHD

confirmed it will not be recording these meetings and stated that any member of the committee can record the meeting for their own use.

Action: Mark Jeffery moved to continue recording the meetings of the Advisory Committee and that a plan be formulated. Chip Babst seconded the motion. Dan Bricmont requested this go to the Regulations Subcommittee for review of options for recording of future meetings. The committee voted unanimously to support the motion.

Dan Bricmont stated for the record that John Palmiere did call and say he would not be able to attend the meeting.

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

Action: Mark Jeffery moved to approve the minutes from April 11. Courtney Maronich Vita seconded the motion. Yea - Chip Babst, Sara Marie, Anna Batista, Steve Hvozdvovich, Mark Jeffery, Courtney Maronich Vita, Jill Vovaris. Nay – Dan Bricmont. Abstain – Bob Orchowski. On a vote of 7-1-1 the committee approved the minutes for the April 11, 2022 meeting.

Approval of Minutes June 13, 2022, meeting:

Chip Babst expressed concern regarding a comment he regarded as unfavorable that was made at the end of the last meeting that should not be on record and Mark Jeffery commented the US Steel Clean Air Fund Request was not accurately addressed in the June minutes. The committee approved no recommended revisions to the June 13, 2022 minutes as presented.

Action: Bob Orchowski moved to approve the minutes and Sara Marie Baldi seconded the motion. The committee unanimously rejected the motion and the Committee failed to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 13, 2022.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee:

Coleen Davis reported that the subcommittee met on August 2 and the monitoring section reported that there were no site issues in the last two months and a high percentage of the samples were collected. The ACHD did receive the American Rescue Plan dollars to purchase equipment. The National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference is being held in Pittsburgh later this month. The Air Quality Monitoring Program also ordered 20 new PA2 sensors. There has only been one exceedance of PM 2.5 on March 15. The April 24 FRM sample came back under the standard as it was 33 vs the standard of 35 so there was not an exceedance. There were exceedances of Ozone on June 24 in Harrison and South Fayette and an exceedance on June 22 at Harrison, however six hours of data were invalid because the monitor was offline.

Coleen Davis reported that the next meeting will be held on October 4th at 5:30 PM

b. Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee:

Mark Jeffrey reported that the group met on July 21.

The subcommittee discussed various options for future projects and the creation of social media notification of the meetings to encourage public attendance. Sandy Fischer provided an update regarding the Air Ambassador program. Further, the Air Quality Program hosted members from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health high school student program. The Annual Air Quality Review was published on the dashboard. Further discussion will take place for dashboard improvement and improved public communication.

Mark Jeffrey reported that the next meeting will be held on September 15th at 5:30 PM

c. Regulation Subcommittee:

Robert Orchowski reported that the group met on July 19th and provided an update on the Regulations Table and reviewed the information that was shared with the members. It was also noted that the Subcommittee discussed Coke Oven and Testing Methods, and RACT III Regulation Revisions.

Bob Orchowski reported that the next meeting will be held on September 20 at 5:30 PM.

5. Air Quality Program Updates:

- a. General Update: Dean DeLuca – noted that multiple positions have been posted and the ACHD is actively hiring. There have been 6 new people hired in the Air Quality Program in the last few months. Work is continuing on the Regulated Entities Portal.
- b. PM2.5 Redesignation Request/Maintenance Plan - Jason Maranche - provided an overview of the information that will go to public comment at midnight this evening that will be open to a public hearing on September 8, 2022 at the Clack Health Center. This will not require approval of the Board of Health to be finalized as there are no changes to the regulations themselves. The final plan will be sent to DEP by the end of October and pending the approval of the DEP will then be sent to the EPA by the end of the year.
- c. Regulations:

- i. Coke Ovens and Coke Oven Gas – Dean Deluca again reviewed the proposed revisions to Article XXI regarding coke ovens. He requested that the advisory committee recommend these revisions to the Board of Health for approval.

Action: Bob Orchowski moved to recommend the proposed revisions to the Board of Health for approval, and Steven Hvozdoch seconded the motion. All members of the advisory committee voted to recommend approval to the Board of Health except Chip Babst who abstained on grounds his law firm represents US Steel on this matter.

- ii. Testing Methods – Dean Deluca presented the revisions of Article XXI related to the testing methods. He requested that the advisory committee recommend these revisions to the Board of Health for approval.

Action: Bob Orchowski moved to recommend that the Board of Health approve the proposed revisions, and Steven Hvozdoich seconded the motion. The following advisory committee members voted in the affirmative: Dan Bricmont, Sarah Marie Baldi, Steve Hvozdoich, Maronich Vita, Bob Orchowski and Jill Vovaris. Chip Babst and Anna Batista abstained, the former because his law firm represents US Steel and the latter because of difficulty hearing the discussion...

- iii. RACT 3 Regulations approval timeline - Tom Lattner presented the proposed revisions to Article XXI related to RACT III. The proposed revisions, which merely incorporate by reference the RACT III regulations which will be approved by the Commonwealth, are still in public comment. Because of the timeline for implementation, Mr. Lattner requested that the advisory committee recommend these revisions to the Board of Health for approval, assuming the Air Quality Program received no adverse comments.

Action: Chip Babst moved to recommend approval to the Board of Health. Anna Batista seconded the motion. And the Advisory Committee approved the motion unanimously

6. Clean Air Fund

- a. Regulation Change – Patrick Dowd reviewed proposed changes to Article XXI regarding the Clean Air Fund. The Air Quality Program proposes to change the percentage of dollars available for its operations as well as clarifying procedural language. The Advisory Committee said it did not want to discuss the proposed regulation change on short notice and until it had been reviewed by the Regulation Subcommittee.

Action: Mark Jeffery moved to send the proposed revisions to the Regulations Subcommittee. Dan Bricmont seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- b. Patrick Dowd presented a draft Clean Air Fund Request to the Advisory Committee. The proposed request was to spend approximately \$3.3 million. The Air Quality Program proposes issuing a Request for Proposals with four main areas of potential work: vehicle replacement, HEPA filters for childcare providers, the development of a professional curriculum to be used by the Air Quality Program and expanding the urban tree canopy. Each area will focus on environmental justice communities in Allegheny County.

Steve Hvozdoich recommended that the HEPA filter portion of the project not be limited to childcare providers. While he understood and agreed with the Air Quality Program's intent, he also knows that the demand for such filters goes far beyond that population.

Bob Orchowski recommended the Air Quality Program remove dollar figures from the RFP so as to ensure the highest level of effectiveness in the process.

Action: Steve Hvozdovich move to recommend this Clean Air Fund request to the Board of Health for approval. Sarah Mari Baldi seconded the motion. The following members voted in the affirmative: Chip Babst, Sara Marie Baldi, Steve Hvozdovich, Bob Orchowski. The following members voted no: Dan Bricmont, Anna Batista, Mark Jeffery, Courtney Maronich Vita, Jill Vovaris. The motion failed to pass 4-5.

7. Old Business

Action: Mark Jeffery moved to open discussion on the US Steel Electric Locomotive Clean Air Fund request that was tabled at the April meeting. Bob Orchowski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The request called upon the Air Program to allocate \$754,000, which represents half of the remaining 25% of the cost of replacing two switcher locomotives at the USS Clairton Coke Works. The remaining 75% of the funds have been provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Action: Dan Bricmont moved to approve the recommendation of the Air Quality Program to reject the request to spend \$754,000.00 from the Clean Air Fund on this project. Bob Orchowski seconded the motion. The following members voted in the affirmative: Dan Bricmont, Anna Batista, Steve Hvozdovich, Courtney Maronich Vita. Sara Marie Baldi, Bob Orchowski, Jill Vovaris voted no. Chip Babst, and Mark Jeffery abstained. The motion passed on a vote of 4-3-2.

8. Date of Next meeting and Adjournment

Action: Dan Bricmont moved to adjourn, and everyone seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2022 at 5:30 PM