

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
February 13, 2023 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members/(Alts) Present**

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)  
Anna Batista, High Street Consulting  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN  
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action  
Courtney Maronich Vita, Friends of the Riverfront  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group (TEAMS)  
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council  
Anna Siefken, Department of Energy (TEAMS)  
Coleen Davis, US Steel (Alternate)

**Others Present**

Edith Abeyta, Resident North Braddock  
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP  
Patrick Campbell, GASP (TEAMS)  
Mike Dzurinko, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Annie Fox, Clean Air Council (TEAMS)  
Quinn Glabicki, Public Source  
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)  
Dan Grzybek, County Council (TEAMS)  
David Hacker, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Chris Hardin, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Steven Hepler, DEP (TEAMS)  
Brian Joos, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Dennis McDermott, Food and Water Watch (TEAMS)  
Melanie Mead, Resident Clairton (TEAMS)  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP (TEAMS)  
Sean Nolan, DEP (TEAMS)  
Brett Tunno, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Tishie Woodwell, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Ken Zapinski, PGH Works

**Committee Members/ Not Present**

Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission  
Michael Corcoran, PPG

**ACHD Members Present**

Sandy Fischer, ACHD  
David Good, ACHD  
Allason Holt, ACHD  
Tom Lattner, ACHD  
Jason Maranche, ACHD  
Geoffrey Rabinowitz, ACHD  
Karen M Sagel, ACHD  
Wesley Speary, ACHD

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

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

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

**2. Chair's Remarks – No remarks**

**3. Approval of Minutes December 12, 2022, meetings:**

**Action:** Mr. Orchowski moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting and Ms. Maronich Vita seconded the motion. The committee unanimously

rejected the motion. Members of the committee asked that the following changes be made: add date on the header of the minutes, date for the approval of the October minutes, date for the approval of the November minutes, and correction to the attendance of the December meeting.

#### 4. Sub Committee Reports:

- A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee** - Ms. Davis reported that the subcommittee did not meet recently, and no new meetings are scheduled at this time.
- B. **Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee** - Mr. Jeffery reported the subcommittee did not meet recently and there are no new meetings are scheduled at this time.
- C. **Regulation Subcommittee** - Mr. Orchowski - presented a review of the regulations in progress table. The next meeting will be March 14, 2023, Tuesday, at 5:30 PM.

#### 5. Deputy Director Update:

**Subcommittees and Other Meetings-** Dr. Rabinowitz presented suggestions for the future of the Air Advisory subcommittee structure recommending a more ad hoc scheduling. The exception would be the Regulations Subcommittee which he suggested should maintain its current schedule of meetings. He also proposed that at every third meeting the program would report on important metrics. This would free up staff time to focus on the work at hand while still maintaining ample opportunities to gather input from the committee. The Committee discussed having the program provide the concept in writing, reviewing the frequency of sub-committee meetings over the past two years, community access to the Air Pollution Advisory Committee, the number of staff members that need to attend meetings, agenda suggestions, monitoring report frequency that drives the frequency of the monitoring sub-committee meetings, the forum that is provided for more in-depth discussions, and combining the Monitoring & Priority Pollutant and P2E sub-committees into one.

#### 6. Action Items:

- a. **“Clean Air Fund” regulations – Deputy Director Geoff Rabinowitz – a review and request recommendation to BOH to hold a public comment period/hearing.** The committee discussed how the proposed amendment to Article XXI. The proposed amendment would increase the amount of Clean Air Funding the Air Quality Program could request each year for normal operations. Currently, Article XXI permits the program to request up to 5% of the prior year’s balance of the Clean Air Fund. The proposed revision would permit the program to request up to 25% or \$1.25 million, whichever is less. This would last for four years and at that time would then revert back to the 5%. The proposed amendment also clarified the ability of the program collects its costs for enforcement costs. The committee discussed a number of different facets of the proposed revisions. The committee requested the program present financial information to justify the need, while simultaneously acknowledging the program had presented more financial information than

has ever been presented to the committee. funding if there are no violations in the future, staff time keeping, what is paid from the fund, the spending request should be addressed as part of the budget, next meeting should include an agenda item for the application process for using Clean Air Fund, budget approval, request for 2022 end of year actuals expenditures and balances, ability of the ACHD to fully run the program, air quality program funding, agreement the committee was provided more budget information than they had ever seen before, and at the Board of Health January 2023 meeting, the Board recommended taking the proposed amendments to Article XXI back to the Air Pollution Advisory Committee for further discussion.

**Action:** Mr. Orchowski moved to recommend that the Board of Health send the proposed revisions to public for comment, and Mr. Hvozdoovich seconded the motion. The committee unanimously rejected the motion.

**b. “CTG VOC” Regulations**

**Tom Lattner, Engineer III presented a proposed regulation revision that will revise Article XXI**

The change is in regard to EPA Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) source categories for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair, Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry, and Large Petroleum Solvent Cleaners. These changes are being made so that Article XXI is consistent with PA DEP rules.

**Action:** Ms. M. Davis moved to recommend to that the Board of Health send the proposed revisions to Article XXI to the public for comment and Ms. Maronich Vita seconded the motion. The committee approved unanimously the motion.

7. **Program Updates** - Jason Maranche Air Quality Program Manager for Planning and Data Analysis – provided a brief update of the program activities.

8. **Other Business / Citizen Comments:**

Chair Bricmont – Requested elections of Chair and Vice Chair of Air Advisory Committee, be on next agenda.

Ms. Abeyta, a resident from North Braddock – suggested numerous ideas for use of the Clean Air Fund.

Mr. Orchowski – expressed again the discussion of minutes and the importance of more information needed.

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

**Action:** Chair Bricmont moved to adjourn the meeting; all committee members present

seconded the motion. The committee approved it unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM. The next meeting is April 10, 2023, at 5:30 PM.