

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAM  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Community College of Allegheny County - Allegheny Campus  
K. Leroy Irvis Science Center, Room 302  
808 Ridge Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Meeting No. 03-24**

**June 10, 2024 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members Present**

Dan Bricmont (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Anna Batista, High Street Consulting  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN (TEAMS)  
Mark Jeffrey, U. S. Steel  
Courtney Mahronich Vita, Friends of the Riverfront (TEAMS)

**Committee Members Not Present**

Chip Babst (Vice Chair), Babst Calland  
Mary Ann Bucci, Port of Pittsburgh Commission  
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group  
John Palmiere, Vice President, Allegheny County Council  
Anna Siefken, U.S. DOE

**Participants Present**

Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP  
Coleen M. Davis, Consultant  
Annie Fox, Clean Air Council  
John Graham, Clean Air Task Force (TEAMS)  
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)  
David Hacker, U. S. Steel (TEAMS)  
Chris Harden, U. S. Steel (TEAMS)  
Stephen Hepler, PA DEP (TEAMS)  
Brian Joos, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Ken Zapinski, Pittsburgh Works  
Elena Zaitsoff, Oakcliffe Community (TEAMS)

**ACHD Staff Present**

Geoff Rabinowitz, Deputy Director, EH Bureau  
David Good, AQ Program Manager  
Jason Maranche, AQ Program Manager  
Sandy Fischer, EH Comm. Specialist (TEAMS)  
Ian Anderson, EH Administrator  
Tom Lattner, AQ Engineer (TEAMS)  
Sean Rhoades, Allegheny County DIT  
Karen M Sagel, Senior Secretary (TEAMS)  
Wesley Speary, Attorney

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

**Action:** Chair Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was not present therefore no actions were taken. All in attendance in person and via Microsoft Teams made their introductions.

**2. Chair's Remarks**

Mr. Bricmont addressed the current standing of members of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee and requested that the Department provide an attendance list of current members, the requirements from Article XXI, and email those to him to share with the Committee.

**3. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2023; December 11, 2023; February 12, 2024; and April 15, 2024.**

**Action:** A quorum was not present, so a vote could not be made on the previous meeting minutes.

**4. Annual Monitoring Network Plan – David Good**

David Good provided an update on the Annual Monitoring Network Plan. Mr. Good explained the changes from last year to this year. Mr. Good shared with the committee that the original plan of moving the monitoring equipment from the roof of Clack Building 7 to the new office on Fulton Street has been changed since the public notification that a GetGo gas station will be built directly across the street which could affect monitoring numbers. The Program is looking for a new home for the monitoring site. Mr. Good gave a review of the monitoring information that is still being performed at Lawrenceville.

**5. Program Updates – Jason Maranche**

Jason Maranche provided updates on air quality monitor data. Final results for 2023 are showing continued monitored attainment of the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards; work is underway for analysis for the 2024 PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards. Mr. Maranche said the Department is planning to hold Criteria/Monitoring and Regulation Subcommittees tentatively in July. Mr. Bricmont requested that Committee members be notified once the dates are known.

**6. Proposed Fee Updates – Geoff Rabinowitz**

Dr. Geoff Rabinowitz reviewed the state of the funding for the Air Quality Programs. Dr. Rabinowitz presented a detailed proposed fee increases the Department is looking to implement to fund a fully staffed program. Mr. Bricmont read a statement from Bob Orchowski which expressed concern that the proposed fee increases were not properly vetted by the Regulations Subcommittee prior to being presented to the Advisory Committee, as well as lack of detail provided as support for the proposed fee increases. Mark Jeffery suggested there be a special meeting called by the Committee members before the next Board of Health to review the regulation changes. Dr. Rabinowitz said that the Department would support holding a Regulation Subcommittee during the public comment period so that the sub-committee's comments could be officially submitted within the public comment process.

Mr. Bricmont added that Mr. Orchowski expressed disappointment with the partial withdrawal of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> redesignation request for the 2012 standards.

**7. New Business: Clean Air Fund – Dan Bricmont**

Mr. Bricmont wanted to notify the Committee of the Clean Air Fund audit by the County Controller's Office and that Acting Director Patrick Dowd's responses were now

available for review. Further discussion of the Clean Air Fund will be added to a future meeting. If the Committee has suggestions on the Clean Air Fund process, those should be sent to the new Health Department Director.

**8. Other Business / Citizen Comments**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.