

Air Quality Public Advisory Committee

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The Air Quality Public Advisory Committee (AQPAC) is an advisory body to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC).

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 15, 2007
Room 3
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Jill Engel-Cox, Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology
Bill Butler, Mirant
Lee Schoenecker, APA
Brian Holmes, Maryland Highway Contractors Association
Larry Zaragoza, Virginia Urban
Ann Brown, Washington Academy of Sciences
Rodney Livingston, District Interracial Coalition for Environmental Equity
Julie Crenshaw Van Fleet, Episcopal Stewardship of Creation
George Gurley, Urban Protectors
Deron Lovaas, Maryland Urban

COG Staff

Joan Rohlfs, COG DEP

Visitors/Observers:

A. Bernard Jones, advisor to Urban Protectors League
Cecily Beall, District of Columbia Department of Environment
Olivia Ochuko, District of Columbia

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm and the meeting agenda adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes (September)

The minutes of the September meeting were adopted with the spelling correction for Joan Rohlfs' name.

3. Staff report on MWAQC, TAC, CCSC

Joan Rohlfs reported on the upcoming MWAQC meeting, which will be the afternoon of October 24 (2-4 pm). That same morning, the Climate Change Committee will hold a meeting from 10-11:30 am. Ms. Rohlfs reported that the Climate Change Steering Committee members are set and report to the Council of Governments Board. At this time, they do not have provisions for a public outreach component and the plans are to share information across the different committees. Ms. Rohlfs further reported that her staff provides the support to this Committee, which should facilitate communications with the AQPAC. As part of their efforts to

understand the climate change issue in the DC area, the CCSC has requested 2005 greenhouse gas emissions data from utilities in the region by sector and jurisdiction.

On the issue of the preparation of the fine particle State Implementation Plan, Ms. Rohlfs highlighted several points. First, several questions and requests have been sent to EPA, including requesting clarification of the definitions of contingency measures and guidance on substitution between precursors that must be calculated. The schedule calls for submission of the fine particle draft by April 5. The TAC will be reviewing a draft SIP in their November 13 meeting.

4. Priority Control Measures

Joan noted that the Clean Air Interstate Rule provides for all the control measures that will be needed to comply with the fine particle SIP. There will be some voluntary programs to address things like high energy demand days.

A question was raised about the Transportation Improvement Plan. Lee Schoenecker noted that transportation and air quality are related. Larry Zaragoza noted that in response to the draft plan that we recommend that the AQPAC draft a response highlighting past letters prepared by the AQPAC that speak to the needs for and mix of transportation for the region. Bill Butler noted that we might ask for comment from Ms. Rohlfs' staff to help guide additional comment.

Julie Crenshaw asked when we would get a copy of the control measures. Joan Rohlfs indicated that they will be posted on the web site under the TAC.

5. Letter to MWAQC on Pepco Plant

Lee Schoenecker indicated that the letter was one of the best drafts he has seen. Mr. A Bernard Jones indicated that the letter was missing a number of points and proceeded to identify a number of suggestions that provided for greater specificity. Other suggestions were offered by different committee members and the Chair agreed to circulate another draft for committee review.

6. Planning for Public Meeting, November 1

Final meeting plans were briefly discussed for the public meeting to be held on November 1.

7. Nominating Committee for 2008 AQPAC Officers

The nominating committee for 2008 officers was chosen: Lee Schoenecker, Larry Zaragoza, and Deron Lovaas. They will report back with a slate of nominees at the next meeting.

8. New Business

Julie reported that Virginia ruled against a permit for stack combination at the Mirant plant in Alexandria.

9. Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be held November 19.