



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

- *Air Quality Commission* -

April 2009
SUMMARY MINUTES
OF THE
MECKLENBURG COUNTY AIR QUALITY COMMISSION

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, April 27, 2009, in the Auditorium I & II, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Mary Barker Kris Knudsen Randy Perkins Todd Glasier Gordon Miller Gee Barker
Ray Fuentes William Nash Robert Statnick Keith Long Tonisha Dawson

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Mark Casper

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Don Willard Joan Liu Ieshishua Pierce Leslie Rhodes Megan Green

Guest

Tony Jabon, Trinity Consultant

- I. Call to Order
Vice-Chair Barker called the meeting of the Air Quality Commission (AQC) to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes
Vice-Chair Barker, opened the floor for the Approval of the minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve March AQC minutes per correction made as written.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Robert Statnick.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

- III. Air Quality Permit Reviews

Per Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Ordinance, Regulation 1.5213 – “Action on Application; Issuance of Permit,” Mecklenburg County Air Quality’s permit application approvals are placed on the agenda of the Air Quality Commission (AQC), initiating the specified public comment period. Inclusion on the AQC agenda does not imply or infer any action or opinion by the AQC or its members regarding any permit.

Vice-Chair Barker, opened the public comment period for the facilities below, providing notice of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality’s intent to issue/modify their air quality permit(s):

Mecklenburg County will comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Mecklenburg County will make reasonable accommodations in all programs to enable participation by an individual with disability who meets essential eligibility requirements. Mecklenburg County programs will be available in an integrated setting for each individual. If accommodations are necessary for participation in any program or services, participants are encouraged to notify staff.

A: Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

Red Clay Aggregate, Inc., 9535 Hebron Commerce Dr., Charlotte, NC 28273

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

Rusher Oil Company, Inc. (Rushco Food Store #19)
5045 Ridge Rd., Charlotte, NC 28269

Transportation Facilities: Public comment period for the permits below is thirty days.

B: Action Required: Information Only

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority (Carolina Medical Center)
1000 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203
IPEX Industrial Systems (IPEX USA LLC), 10100 Rodney St., Pineville, NC 28134
Prairie Packaging, Inc., 14201 Meacham Farm Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities:

None

Notification:

None

C: Action Required: Alternative Notice

The Relizon Company, 4001 Performance Rd., Charlotte, NC 28214
Published date: April 3, 2009

Title V Facilities

Exopack Advanced Coatings, 700 Crestdale Rd., Matthews, NC 28105
Published date: March 27, 2009
Motiva Enterprises, LLC (Motiva Charlotte Complex), 410 Tom Sandler Rd, Charlotte, NC
Published date: March 27, 2009

Transportation Facilities

None

Joan Liu, Air Quality Program Manager, was available to answer questions.

IV. Announcements

Vice-Chair Barker opened the floor to receive announcements. Vice-Chair Baker informed the AQC members of the letter sent to Representative Becky Carney concerning House Bill 148 which discussed transit and congestion relief.

Tonisha Dawson arrives at 5:36 p.m.

V. Air Quality Update

Vice-Chair Barker called upon Don Willard, Director of Mecklenburg County Air Quality, to provide the Air Quality updates. Mr. Willard turned the floor over to Megan Green, Air Quality Specialist to discuss the Don't Drive Day event that will be held on May 7th. The AQC members

were given a flyer that provided the website link to register for the Don't Drive Day event. The event is sponsored by NC Air Awareness, CATS, and MCAQ.

Leslie Rhodes, Mobile Source Program Manager, provided the AQC members with a handout for the Mowing Green Keeps Air Clean lawnmower program. The AQC members were informed that for the second year, Duke Energy, Neuton Clean Air Program and MCAQ have teamed together to give residents in the Charlotte ozone non-attainment region the opportunity to purchase a discounted battery powered less polluting electric lawnmower. The program offers a 14" cut lawnmower at a special pricing of \$239 and a 19" cut lawnmower at \$339. There are only 65 mowers available at the special coupon price. It was stated that Coca-Cola will also donate funds to help sponsor the program.

The AQC members were informed that there has been one ozone exceedance at the new standard of 0.075 since the ozone season started April 1st. At least 4 sites have exceeded the standard. The AQC members were also given an update on the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) have withdrawn the SIP from the EPA. It was stated that the EPA administrator may sign a sanction clause on April 28th which would start the 18 month clock for the State to submit a new plan.

The AQC members were given a handout that discussed the stimulus application submitted to the EPA for the GRADE+ program. The application was submitted on April 21, 2009 requesting \$1,116,600 to reduce NOx from Stationary, Highway and Offroad engines. The project period would extend from June 2009 through September 2010. The deadline to submit all applications is April 28th and a decision will be made within 60 days.

The AQC members were given a handout that discussed Green Incentives Local Government Options. The Environmental Leadership team asked staff to identify what other local and state programs were doing as incentives to help promote green business practices. Two model programs were discussed in the handout that targeted energy efficiency. One program in Parkland City Florida provided information on the energy incentive reward program. A second program in the State of New York provided information on the New York Energy Smart program that discussed energy audits. The handout provided several recommendations based on the research that staff feels Mecklenburg County government staff and leaders should implement. Staff will present the recommendations to the Environmental Leadership team. There was favorable discussion from the AQC members. The AQC members will wait for direction from the Leadership team before making recommendations.

[Written handouts: Green Incentives: Local Government Options; GRADE+ (Grants to Replace Aging Diesel Engines A Bi-State, Multi-County Public/Private Partnership to Reduce NOx from Stationary, Highway and Offroad Engines); Mecklenburg County's 2020 Plan to Reduce Operational Greenhouse Gas Pollution; Don't Drive Day flyer]

VI. Public Comment
None

VII. Other Business

The AQC members had a brief discussion concerning the BOCC debating the half-cent tax for the mass transit.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to have Chair Mark Casper draft a letter to Commissioner Jennifer Roberts and the BOCC stating the AQC support of expanding the light rail extension to Northeast Charlotte and the commuter rail line to the Lake Norman area.

Made: The motion was made by Robert Statnick and seconded by Todd Glasier.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

Vice-Chair Barker asked the AQC members if they would like to cancel or change the date for the May AQC meeting.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to cancel the May AQC meeting.

Made: The motion was made by Gee Barker and seconded by Keith Long.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

VIII. Next Meeting
June 22, 2009

Adjournment
6:43 p.m.