



MECKLENBURG COUNTY - *Air Quality Commission* -

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, November 23, 2009, in the Auditorium I & II, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Kris Knudsen	Robert Statnick	Mary Barker	Ray Fuentes	William Nash
Keith Long	Randy Perkins	Todd Glasier	Gordon Miller	Mark Casper

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Gee Barker

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Joan Liu Leslie Rhodes Alan Giles Megan Green

I. Call to Order

Chair Knudsen called the meeting of the Air Quality Commission (AQC) to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Knudsen, opened the floor for the Approval of the minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve September AQC minutes as written.

Made: The motion was made by Mary Barker and seconded by Gordon Miller.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

Todd Glasier arrives at 5:34 p.m. and Robert Statnick arrives at 5:35 p.m.

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.

Chair Knudsen, 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):

A: Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (Arrowood Quarry), 11325 Texland Blvd. Charlotte, NC

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.

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

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

B: Action Required: Information Only

Relizon Company (d.b.a. WorkflowOne); 4001 Performance Rd., Charlotte, NC

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities:

None

Notification:

None

C: Action Required: Alternative Notice

BMWNC, Inc., 3250 Campus Ridge Road, Matthews, NC 28105

Transportation Facilities

None

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

IV. Announcements

Chair Knudsen opened the floor for announcements. There was a discussion concerning the Security procedure at the Hal Marshall Building. It was stated that a guard needs to be present until 5:45 p.m. so that the AQC members would be able to gain entry into the building.

Chair Knudsen read an article the Charlotte Business journal stating that four businesses would be moving into a green building. It was also stated that Chester County is looking to add an incinerator.

V. Area Source MACTs Update

Joan Liu, Air Quality Program Manager, provided the AQC members with an update on the Area Source MACT program. The deadline for the subpart 6H letters to be returned is November 30th. Out of the estimated 2000 letters mailed so far 693 have been received representing a 35% return rate.

MCAQ plans to visit some sites that either did not return the form or stated not subject to the rule. The schedule for revising the MCAPCO regulation is still spring 2010.

VI. Regional Air Quality Organizations and Programs

The AQC members had a lengthy discussion on the regional air quality organizations and programs in the non-attainment region. The AQC members were provided an updated list of

regional and local organizations involved with ambient air quality. The AQC members asked staff coordinate to get the vision and mission statement for each organization. There will be further discussion to strategize how the AQC members can work together with the organization.

[Written handout: Regional & Local Organizations Involved with Ambient Air Quality list]

VII. Air Quality Update

The AQC members were informed that the 2007 State Implementation Plan (SIP) was re-submitted on November 12, 2009. There was a hearing held in Charlotte on November 13th discussing the Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) State Implementation Plan (SIP) which contains conformity budgets for motor vehicles.

The AQC members were informed that the EPA proposed a new one hour standard for SO₂ on November 17th. The range for the new standard would be 50ppb- 100ppb. Our current monitoring data from 2006 to 2008 for SO₂ is 78ppb.

[NCDENR letter dated for November 12, 2009]

VIII. GRADE Future Funding

Leslie Rhodes, Mobile Source program manager provided the AQC members with an update on the GRADE+ program. There was a lengthy discussion on future funding for the GRADE+ program. The AQC members were informed that the application process for the GRADE+ project closed on October 31. GRADE + has received one hundred and ninety new applications and one hundred and thirty-five applications are eligible for the grant. The selection committee met on November 23 and agreed to fund ninety-six projects. It was stated that at least one project will be used in each of the thirteen counties in our presumptive non-attainment region.

Staff will continue to look for State and Federal grants. There was some discussion on the draft letter of support for the GRADE/GRADE+ program that the AQC would send to the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) advocating the BOCC for local funding from Mecklenburg and the surrounding counties and towns. The following three recommendations were made to include in the letter asking the BOCC to ensure the continuation of the highly successful GRADE+ project:

- 1) contributing \$500,000 in County funding for the FY2011 budget year,
- 2) making formal requests for other local jurisdictions to provide FY 2011 GRADE+ funding on a prorate basis that can be earmarked for projects in their areas and
- 3) proposing legislation for dedicated funding from a mobile source fee

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to accept the concept to send a letter to the BOCC with the three specific recommendations.

Made: The motion was made by Mary Barker and seconded by Gordon Miller.

Vote: The motion was adopted nine in favor (Kris Knudsen, Ray Fuentes, William Nash, Keith Long, Randy Perkins, Mary Barker, Mark Casper, Todd Glasier, and Gordon Miller) and one against (Robert Statnick).

[Written handout: Funding Ozone Attainment letter with staff paper (draft letter dated for November 19, 2009)]

IX. Public Comment
None

X. Other Business

Chair Knudsen informed the AQC members that Tonisha Dawson had resigned from the AQC due to schedule conflict making it hard for her to attend monthly meetings. The Clerk of the Board will notify staff of applications on file for the AQC.

He asked the AQC members if they would like to have an AQC meeting in December.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to cancel the December 28th AQC meeting.

Made: The motion was made by Mark Casper and seconded by Mary Barker.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

XI. Next Meeting
January 25, 2010

Adjournment
6:58 p.m.