



MECKLENBURG COUNTY *- Air Quality Commission -*

Monday, January 27, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Ed Wood Conference Room
First Floor, Hal Marshall County Services Center
700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, January 27, 2014, in the Ed Woods Conference Room, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Keith Long	Peter McGrath	Lauren Billheimer	Robert Statnick
Terry Lansdell	June Blotnick	Fern Paterson	Karim Kheireddine
Gordon Miller	Jamie Watts	Joe Sgroi	

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes	Jason Rayfield	Ieshishua Pierce	Megan Green	Lexin Murphy
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1. Call to Order

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Chair Long introduced Jamie Watts and Joe Sgroi as the new AQC members filling the Engineer and Industrial positions. Jamie Watts and Joe Sgroi introduced themselves to the AQC members and the Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) staff.

Chair Long reminded the AQC members of the BOCC advisory board attendance policy. It was pointed out that the attendance policy requires advisory board members to attend seventy-five percent of all meetings held throughout the calendar year.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Long opened the floor for the Approval of the November AQC meeting minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the November AQC meeting minutes as written.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Peter McGrath.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

Karim Kheireddine arrives at 5:41 p.m.

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.

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3. 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 Long, 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

Stationary Sources

Public comment period for the permits below is 15 days.

1. Yates Wilbert Vault Company; 2839 Rosemont Street, Charlotte, NC

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

Public comment period for the permits below is 15 days.

1. None

Transportation Facilities

Public comment period for the permits below is thirty days.

1. None

B. Action Required: Information Only

Stationary Sources

1. Red Clay Industries, Inc.; 9535 Hebron Commerce Drive, Charlotte, NC

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

1. None

Transportation Facilities

2. None

C. Action Required: Alternative Notice

The public comment period for the permits below opened by advertisement in The Charlotte Observer according to MCAPCO 1.5223 (c)(1)(B)- “Action on Application; Issuance of Permit”.

Stationary Sources

1. Carolinas Medical Center – Main, 1000 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, 28203
2. Exopack Advanced Coatings, LLC, 700 Crestdale Road, Matthews, NC
Publication date: January 9, 2014

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

1. None

Transportation Facilities

1. None

Jason Rayfield, Air Quality Program Manager was available for comments.

4. Announcements

Chair Long opened the floor to receive announcements.

LUESA University

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director gave the AQC members an invitation to attend LUESA University 2014 at UNCC (Student Union) on March 4th at 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event gives LUESA employees, advisory committee members and Commissioners a chance to become more informed about the services provided by the six LUESA divisions. It will be a day of learning and networking.

EPA Approves Redesignation of Charlotte Area to Attainment for Ozone (1997 standard)

The AQC members were informed that the EPA announced final designation of the Charlotte area to attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard on December 2, 2013. It was clarified that this was the 1997 ozone standard and not the more stringent 2008 standard.

[Written handout: LUESA University (Save the date) invitation]

5. Mobile Source Update

AeroGRADE Project Selection

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager provided the AQC members with an update on the AeroGRADE project selection. The AQC members were given a handout showing AeroGRADE project funding recommendations for December 2013. It was stated that an open call for project was held in November 2013 where thirty applications were received from US Airways and Piedmont Airlines requesting funding for projects. The total amount originally requested for the thirty projects was more than the total grant funding remaining from the original \$800,000.00 grant from the EPA. Eric Moore, Air Quality Specialist contacted the airlines and negotiated funding for the projects to fund all thirty projects. The NOx reduction over the project life is estimated to be over 204 tons.

Proposed repeal of NC Transportation Facility Regulations

The AQC members were informed about the proposed repeal of NC Transportation Facility Regulations. The North Carolina Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) identified the Transportation Facilities Permitting rules as outdated requirements that are not providing environmental benefit and no longer federally required. The rules are focused on addressing carbon monoxide emissions. It was stated that the rule would need to be repealed to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden.

It was stated that NCDAQ has determined that there would be no public health impact due to the repeal of the regulation. Recently, fewer than six transportation permits are issued annually. A public notice and 30 day comment period will be held for the draft rule. The proposed repeal of the regulation could go into effect by the end of the year.

[Written handouts: AereGRADE Project Funding Recommendation (December 2013); Agenda Item 4 (Repeal of Transportation Facilities Permitting Rules (523) (Rule Summary)]

6. Permitting and Enforcement Updates

Proposed NC Air Toxics Program Revisions *Note- Correction to published agenda- Arsenic ALL & TPER are being increased not decreased

Jason Rayfield, Air Quality Program Manager gave the AQC members an update on the proposed NC Air Toxics program revisions. It was stated that the NCDAQ announced proposed rule revisions to the state air toxic program in August 2013, with the new rules possibly going into effect on January 1, 2014. The new rules did not go into effect and NCDAQ has asked for additional time to compile a report and present for review at the March meeting of the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (EMC).

Proposed Increasing of the Arsenic AAL and TPER

In response to June Blotnick's question of how the increasing of the arsenic ALL and TPER would impact the permitted facilities in Mecklenburg County, it was stated that information pulled from the 2011 air toxic emission inventory showed that seventy permitted facilities emit arsenic. Out of the seventy; fifteen have a permit limit; ten facilities fall below the new TPER and five are above the proposed higher TPER. The proposed rule change has been routed to the NC Legislature for review.

Robert Statnick departed at 6:17 p.m.

7. Air Quality Issue Papers

Chair Long opened the floor for discussion on the Air Quality Issue Papers. Fern Paterson (Mobile Sources), Karim Kheireddine (HAPS/TAPS), Lauren Billheimer (PM NAAQS), and Gordon Miller (Outreach: Education and Awareness) discussed their issue papers in the new format to include an introduction, background/evidence and recommendations section. The AQC members and staff were given the opportunity to provide feedback for each of the issue papers.

Each AQC member stated that they would make the changes to their issue paper per the recommendation(s) given during discussion of the issue paper. The revised issue paper should be emailed to Iesha Pierce for distribution to the other AQC members for review. Peter McGrath, Robert Statnick, Terry Lansdell and Keith Long were asked to be ready to discuss their issue papers at the February meeting.

[Written handouts: HAPS/TAPS Issue Paper; PM NAAQS Issue Paper; Mobile Sources Issue Paper; SIP Measures Issue Paper; Ozone Policy Issue Paper; Transportation (Road Systems, Mass Transit, Parking); Outreach: Education and Awareness (Informing, Teaching); As Air Quality Standards are Strengthened, Education and Outreach Critical to Achieving and Maintaining Clean Air]

8. Public Comment

None

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9. Other Business
None

10. Next Meeting
February 24, 2014

11. Adjournment
7:03 p.m.