



## MECKLENBURG COUNTY - *Air Quality Commission* -

Monday, June 23, 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, June 23, 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                      June Blotnick                      Karim Kheireddine  
Fern Paterson                      Jamie Watts                      Gordon Miller

### **Air Quality Commission Members Absent**

Lauren Billheimer                      Terry Lansdell

### **Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present**

Leslie Rhodes    Jason Rayfield    Ieshishua Pierce    Megan Green

1. Call to Order  
Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes  
Chair Long opened the floor for the Approval of the May AQC meeting minutes.  
Action Taken:  
Motion: A motion was made to approve the May AQC meeting minutes as written.  
Made: The motion was made by Peter McGrath and seconded by Gordon Miller.  
Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.
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):

*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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### A. Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

#### Stationary Sources

Public comment period for the permits below is 15 days.

1. Recovered Energy Investors I, LLC, 11701 Mount Holly Rd., 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. Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet, 5101 E. Independence Blvd., 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. None

#### Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

1. None

#### Transportation Facilities

1. None

Jason Rayfield, Air Quality Program Manager was available to answer questions. There were some questions on the Recovered Energy Investors I, LLC permit application. Fern Paterson informed the AQC members Recovered Energy Investors I, LLC was a client and recused herself from the discussion.

### 4. Announcements

Chair Long opened the floor to receive announcements. The AQC members were informed that Marcus Hackler with the Lane Construction Company was appointed to the AQC at the June 17<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting. It was stated that Mr. Hackler will attend his first official AQC meeting in August. There are two vacant positions (healthcare profession and general public) on the AQC after Mr. Hackler's appointment.

June Blotnick arrives at 5:46 p.m.

### 5. Air Quality Update

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, informed the AQC members of current legislative actions in the General Assembly.

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, gave a presentation on the air quality updates.

#### Race to the Beach

The AQC members were shown a commercial for the Race to the Beach campaign. It was stated that the commercial debuted on the Facebook and Twitter news feed for LUESA. The Race to the Beach campaign started on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and runs through August 29<sup>th</sup>. It was stated that seven hundred people have registered for the summer ozone season clean commute campaign. Twenty-three businesses are participating also. June Blotnick, Peter McGrath, Lauren Billheimer and Terry Lansdell were recognized for their participation in the Race to the Beach challenge, recruiting their business to join RTTB, or to facilitate a presentation to potential public or participants.

#### GRADE for Landfills

The AQC members were informed that MCAQ staff has submitted an application to DERA to receive grant funding for the GRADE for Landfill project. The proposal submitted focuses on replacement and repower of landfill equipment. The video trailer for the GRADE for landfill application was shown to the AQC members.

#### Air Monitoring Website Makeover

The AQC members were informed that the air monitoring website has been updated and has already gone live. Upgrades to the air monitoring website included updates on the AQI webpage which now includes a popup for the current AQI, the visibility camera and summary data from the monitoring sites. There is a calendar that you can click on to display the recent AQI data.

#### Ozone update

The AQC members were given a handout that provided an update on monitored ozone values year to date. There have been no exceedance days in the region since the start of the ozone season.

[Written handout: Maximum Ozone Levels Carolinas Metro Region]

### 6. Issue Papers

The AQC members were given a copy of the cover letter, executive summary and full document of the issue papers for review. They were asked to review the draft document and submit comments to Ieshishua Pierce and to carbon copy Leslie Rhodes any changes to be made before the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The AQC members had some discussion and agreed upon the Executive Summary comments submitted by Fern Paterson to be changed throughout the document. Leslie Rhodes will send out the full document to the AQC members as a Word document for them to review. It was

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stated that the final document would be discussed and voted upon at the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and ultimately be presented as an annual report to the Mecklenburg County BOCC.

[Written handout: Cover letter dated June 25, 2014 to Chairman Trevor Fuller; Review of Air Quality in Mecklenburg County document; Executive Summary]

7. Public Comment  
None

8. Other Business

The AQC members were informed that the modeling data for the SouthEastern Modeling, Analysis, and Planning (SEMAP) 2018 ozone projection and sensitivity to NO<sub>x</sub> & VOC Emissions had some flaws within the data reported at the May 19<sup>th</sup> AQC meeting.

June Blotnick informed the AQC members that a committee is being created from the neighborhood meeting that was held at Johnson C. Smith concerning the northwest corridor in Mecklenburg County. She thanked Shelley Lanham, Senior Environmental Specialist for speaking and giving out Air Quality information at the meeting. It was stated that the neighborhood committee will write a report on the northwest corridor to present to the AQC at a future meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The AQC members discussed cancelling the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was agreed upon by majority of the AQC members to keep the regularly scheduled meeting for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

10. Adjournment  
6:51 p.m.