



## MECKLENBURG COUNTY - *Air Quality Commission* -

Monday, January 26, 2015, 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 26, 2015, in the Ed Woods Conference Room, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

### **Air Quality Commission Members Present**

Keith Long                      Peter McGrath                      Marcus Hackler                      Jamie Watts                      Gordon Miller  
Terry Lansdell

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

Fern Paterson                      Lauren Billheimer

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

Leslie Rhodes                      Jason Rayfield                      Lexin Murphy                      Ieshishua Pierce                      Megan Green

### **Guest**

Brian Palm, Carolinas HealthCare System

1. Call to Order  
Chair Keith 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 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.

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.*

A. Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

Stationary Sources

Public comment period for the permits below is 15 days.

1. Dealer Imports, Inc., 17711 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville, NC 28070

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

Public comment period for the permits below is 15 days.

1. Sam's Mart #105 /7-Eleven, 9308 Steele Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28273

A. Action Required: Information Only

Stationary Sources

1. Carolinas Medical Center, 1000 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203
2. Graphic Packaging International, Inc., 800 Westinghouse Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28273
3. Toddville Operations Center, 610 Toddville Road, Charlotte, NC 28214

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

1. None

B. 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

Jason Rayfield, Air Quality Program Manager, was available to answer questions.

4. Announcements

Chair Long opened the floor to receive announcements.

Air Awareness Winter Business Coalition Event

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, informed the AQC members that the Air Awareness program will hold a *Don't Drive at Lunch Day* on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. This event will be geared toward the Air Awareness Business Coalition to find an alternative to driving to lunch on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Air Quality Report

The AQC members received an email in December regarding the distribution of the AQ Report. They were asked to review the list and be ready to discuss the next steps for the annual report at the January AQC meeting. There was some discussion on the distribution list. It was suggested that everyone would receive a letter including a link to the full annual report along

with an executive summary. The Staff level will receive a letter and full report. The Governing Board will receive a letter and executive summary.

A motion was made for the AQC to authorize Chair Keith Long to write a letter on behalf of the committee.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made for the AQC to authorize Chair Long to write a letter on behalf of the committee. The letter will accompany the AQC report enclosures being mailed to regional representatives.

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

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

### 5. Educational Session on State Permitting Exemption Rule Revisions

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, reminded the AQC members that MCAQ staff will give an educational series on the State Permitting Exemption Rule Revision over the January through March AQC meetings. It was stated that staff will break down the permit exemptions rule and provide an analysis of how this will impact permitted sites locally.

Jason Rayfield, Air Quality Program Manager, gave a presentation on the proposed revisions to state rule 15A NCAC 02Q .0102 – “Activities Exempted from Permit Requirements”. The AQC members were informed that this information session would focus on state proposed changes to boiler and generator exemptions. Key changes to the proposal were expanded exemptions for combustion sources – boilers & stationary engines (generators), elimination of “filters to exemptions” – more exemptions for VOC RACT, MACT, & GACT sources, and permitting PM10 instead of TSP. The local impact on common emission source types are as follows:

- (1) more natural gas fired only boilers would become exempt
- (2) more stationary engines (generators) would become exempt.

Changes could result in sources having 30 tons of NO<sub>x</sub> per year no longer needing a permit.

The AQC members were given a link to DAQ rules exemptions. It was stated that revisions will be considered for adoption here likely late 2015 or early 2016.

Peter McGrath departs the meeting.

### 6. Ozone Standard Update

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, gave a presentation on the ozone standard update. The EPA has proposed to lower the O<sub>3</sub> standard to a range of 65-70 ppb and change the ozone season from March through October. The current standard is 75ppb and the ozone season is April through October. Mecklenburg County ozone design value is 73 ppb. Statewide, sixteen counties could be in exceedance within the proposed range of 65-70ppb. The AQC members

were informed that the final rule will be signed by October 1, 2015. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to the AQC members.

### 7. Director's Remarks

#### Summary of Presentation to State AQC

Leslie Rhodes gave a presentation to the State EMC's Air Quality Committee on our local air quality program. Jason and Megan attended the meeting in Raleigh with Leslie on January 7<sup>th</sup>. It was stated that the Air Directors of the local programs were asked to provide a summary of their program, the governing boards, rule adoption process and local initiatives. Leslie also provided information on the GRADE program, ACE Awards and Near-Road Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) Monitoring Site. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to the AQC members.

#### Upcoming Technical Systems Audit

It was stated that the EPA will perform the Technical Systems Audit (TSA) on the Air Monitoring section mid to late February. The TSA is held every three years. There will be an internal audit of the monitoring group to be completed by Donna Cavaliere, Senior Air Quality Specialist and Chuck Greco, Air Quality Supervisor. Staff will keep the AQC members posted of the audit.

#### Budget Calendar

Leslie Rhodes will present the MCAQ budget at the February AQC meeting and ask for an endorsement of the budget at the March AQC meeting.

#### AQC Recruitment and Leadership

The AQC members were informed that Megan Green and Shelley Lanham have been working to fill the open positions on the AQC. It was stated that Keith Long will be resigning as Chair of the AQC. Keith will continue to serve on the AQC and as the Chair until the BOCC approves the new AQC Chair. The AQC members were asked to provide nominations for the new AQC Chair to Leslie. They were also asked to be ready to vote on a recommendation to give to the BOCC at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. It was suggested that whoever is recommended by the AQC members to be the AQC Chair should write a letter along with Keith Long to the BOCC.

### 8. Public Comment None

### 9. Other Business None

### 10. Next Meeting February 23, 2015

### 11. Adjournment 6:53 p.m.