



# MECKLENBURG COUNTY

## - Air Quality Commission -

Monday, February 23, 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, February 23, 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                      Fern Paterson                      Lauren Billheimer

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

Leslie Rhodes                      Jason Rayfield                      Lexin Murphy                      Megan Green

### **Guest**

Marcus Carson, Environmental Sustainability Program Manager (LUESA)

#### **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 January AQC meeting minutes.

##### Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the January 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. Public Comments to the Air Quality Commission (AQC)**

Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

*Members of the public wishing to speak during the meeting should sign in with the Air Quality Commission secretary prior to the meeting.*

##### **A. Air Quality Permit Reviews**

Public comment on the proposed permits will be received at this time. The Air Quality Commission opens public comment for air quality permit reviews per Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Ordinance, Regulation 1.5213 – “Action on Application; Issuance of Permit”. 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):

Facility Name	Facility Address	Action Type
IPEX Industrial System	10100 Rodney St., Pineville, NC	Notice
Trane U.S., Inc	4500 Morris Field Dr., Charlotte, NC	Notice
Kangaroo Express #1550	7010 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC	Notice
Americh Corporation	10700 John Price Rd., Charlotte, NC	Alternative Public Notice
Frito-Lay Inc.	2911 Nevada Blvd., Charlotte, NC	Alternative Public Notice
Reman Technologies	11421 Reames Rd., Charlotte, NC	FYI

*See the “Review of Air Quality Permits” for additional information about the permits above.*

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

**B. General Comments to the Commission**

No comments.

**4. Updates and Presentations**

Action Required: None, information only

**A. Announcements**

Chair Long opened the floor to receive announcements.

**LUESA University**

The AQC members were reminded of the LUESA University II to be held on March 3rd from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Convention Center. The AQC members were asked to rsvp if they planned on attending the event.

**P&E Spring Workshop**

The AQC members were informed that Air Quality staff will have two spring workshop events scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. and on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. The workshops will focus on how to prepare emission inventories prior to the April 30<sup>th</sup> due date. The workshop on March 31<sup>st</sup> will focus on VOC sources and the

workshop to be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> will focus on PM sources. There will be breakout sessions for people to ask specific questions.

**B. Educational Session #2 on State Permitting Exemption Rule Revisions**

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”. This is the second presentation in a three part informational series; which focused on Stage 1 gasoline dispensing facilities and changes to the regulation of particulate matter.

Stage 1 gasoline dispensing sources account for almost double the VOC emissions from all other permitted stationary sources. MCAQ permits and inspects these 300+ sites to ensure they have acceptable vapor collection system components to capture gasoline vapor. Emission violations are often found. The final version of the state’s new permit exemptions rule will need to be assessed on how to adopt locally so that compliance with Stage 1 requirements are maintained.

The state is proposing to rewrite particulate matter permitting thresholds in terms of PM-10 instead of total suspended particulate matter (TSP or PM-100). This change would sync up the state rule with the federal Title V permitting program. Potential impact locally could mean about three sites would no longer need a permit. Most particulate emitting sites have emissions above the proposed PM-10 permitting threshold.

**C. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Presentation**

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, provided the AQC members with a handout for the FY16 budget for the Air Quality program. The handout provided a status report on FY15 expenses and included projections for FY16. MCAQ’s budget is over 80% personnel expenses. The estimated FY16 personnel expenses will be provided by the Office of Management and Budget in early March. At that time a final budget recommendation will be provided and the AQC members will be asked to endorse the budget at the March meeting.

[Written handout: FY15 MCAQ Expenses Through 6<sup>th</sup> Period  
(presentation)]

**D. Director's Remarks**

Technical Systems Audit

It was announced that today was the first day of the Technical Systems Audit on the Air Monitoring section. The audit will be performed by the EPA and should continue throughout the rest of the week.

AQC Recruitment

The AQC members were informed that two new members will start on the commission soon. Dr. Cindy Houser has already been nominated and appointed. Dr. Houser is from Davidson and will fill the Scientist slot. Several people have applied for the public slot. The BOCC will appoint someone for the public slot at the next BOCC meeting.

Air Quality Report

Chair Long is working with Leslie Rhodes to write a letter that will accompany the AQC report being sent to regional representatives.

Nomination for AQC Chair

There were open floor nominations for the new AQC Chair. Fern Paterson nominated Peter McGrath who had expressed his interest to be the new AQC Chair. Marcus Hackler nominated himself. There was a closed ballot vote and Peter McGrath was selected as the preferred candidate to be the new AQC Chair. Chair Long will send a letter to the BOCC resigning the chairmanship and recommending Peter McGrath as the new Chair.

**5. Next Meeting**

March 23, 2015

**6. Adjournment**

6:40 p.m.

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