

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING 4-17
October 16, 2017**

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Coleen Davis, USS, Alternate
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
Kate St. John – GASP (ALT)

Others Present

Thurman Brendlinger, Clean Air Council
Lee Ann Briggs. SBOC/EMAP
Olivia D’Anniball, University of Pittsburgh
Megan Gould EPA R3
Steve Hepler, DEP
Jamie Lukac, California University of PA
Ned Mulcahy GASP
Tauna Price, RN, UPMC-Presby/ Cal-U of PA
Carol Wivell

Committee Members/(Alts) Not Present

Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council

ACHD Members Present

Dean Deluca
Jayme Graham
Allason Holt
Tom Lattner
Tony Sadar
Karen M Sagel
Shannon Sandberg

1. Welcome and Call To Order

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Action: A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introduction.

2. Approval of Minutes June 26, 2017

Action: Moved by Rob Orchowski 2nd by Steve Hvozdoovich

3. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee – Coleen Davis reported that the Subcommittee met on September 14, 2017. Monitoring update Collecting has begun of samples at Kopp Glass for PM-10 HAP metals. They are not on the website yet because the EPA has not released the data. Collecting TSP samples during "dust episodes" in response to complaints about Harsco in Natrona Heights. A new continuous PM2.5 monitor is installed at Liberty. When fully functioning it will be used to valid missing data from the FRM monitor Ozone - recommending attainment with the 2015 standard. PM2.5: the 2014-2016 design

value is 36; may need to do more evaluation if the 2015- 2017 is not less than 35. SO2 - the tentative design value for 2015- 2017 is 97. PM2.5 SIP modelling continues - base year 2011 is complete; working on future year 2021. Current projected completion date is Dec 2017. The SO2 SIP was forwarded to DEP on Sept 14; DEP submitted it to EPA; EPA deemed it complete. SO2 Round 3 unclassifiable areas containing a large stationary source but without a monitor such as Cheswick; work continues. EPA found issues with the analysis of the rest of the county. Work will continue.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, Nov 6 at 1:30.

Rachel Filippini asked if Sue Seppi brought up the H2S situation, Coleen said yes but there really wasn't a discussion about it.

- B. Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini reported the subcommittee met September 21st. Tony Sadar has drafted a “Why Air Quality Matters” fact sheet for use by the general public to help identify what air pollution sources are in Allegheny County and the Health Department works to protect the air quality of the county. We discussed the changes being made to the website and the information that will be included on the Air Quality page. Jayme Graham said it is hoped to be completed by the end of the year. The subcommittee used the remaining information from the Open Burning campaign to send out information packets to all 130 municipalities of Allegheny County to share with their local councils. Also discussed was a way to use Strong Inversion Days to be voluntary no burn days as well as the Air Action Day being a mandatory no burn day. Coleen asked how people would know if it was a voluntary day vs mandatory day. Rachelle explained that the committee is working on ways to communicate the information by media, text messaging, and the website.

The next will be November 16, 2017, at 1:30 PM.

- C. Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski reported the committee met for the first time in almost a year on October 10, 2017. Bob asked to have the Regulations in Progress sent out to the committee members. There is a whole pile of Article XXI revisions that will finished soon. A pitch was made for new members, if you are interested in becoming part of the subcommittee contact Jayme or Bob.

Bob asked Jayme if there are regulations for membership of subcommittees. Jayme said there is a 20-year-old guideline that probably could use updated, but the committee chair usually just appoints the members keeping a balanced panel. Next meeting may be the end of November or beginning of December. He will let everyone know when a date is set.

4. Sewage Sludge Incinerator Rule Delegation – Tom Lattner

This is a request for delegation of the federal sewage sludge incinerator implementation plan, coming before this Advisory Committee for recommendations to the Board of Health. There is an error in the pre-meeting mailing that said there were no comments received. The Clean Air Council did submit comments; Tom addressed them now. First comment was the CAC feels that because the Air Quality Program had several late permits over the years they do not have the adequate staff to support the enforcement needed for the Sewage Sludge Incinerator Rule, the regulations subcommittee's response was they do believe they do have enough because this program will not require the resources the permitting section needs and gave examples of how the department is currently able to handle situations that arise. The second comment was a question of conflict of interest with Allegheny County Health Department and Alcosan. The Health Department's response is it has demonstrated in the past and continues to demonstrate that it has the authority to regulate other authorities such as Kane Hospitals, the Pittsburgh International Airport, and Port Authority. Chip Babst explained that Alcosan is not a County Authority but a Joint Authority, a city-county authority and operates independently of Allegheny County. Tom clarified that the commenter did make note of that but still felt an outside agency should be hired. Tom explained that the Health Department has written NOVs against Alcosan in the past demonstrating a past effort by the Health Department to oversee the requirements. Chip also pointed out that Allegheny County is one of three plaintiffs in a law suit against Alcosan currently. Bob Orchowski pointed out that the Clean Air Council did not recommend against but in fact supported this plan and just wanted to express their concerns with this moving forward.

Approved Bob Orchowski seconded by Coleen M Davis. Jayme Graham commented that the revision of the comment/response document that it is not a County Authority but a Joint Authority of the City County. Dan agreed and will so be done.

5. Request for de-delegation of the federal Risk Management Plan program. - Tom Lattner

A request is being made to the Board of Health for a public comment period to de-delegate Allegheny County Air Quality from the Federal Risk Management Plan Program. Tom explained that this is a request that Allegheny County would no longer be responsibility for the Risk Management Plan, giving it back to the EPA as it would be more efficient for the EPA to handle the sixteen sources we have in Allegheny County. Tom shared the protocol for returning authority. Air Quality has already written the EPA requesting the transfer of authority, and the next step is a public comment period. The Air Quality is requesting recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Health to hold a public comment period. Tom explained there is come collateral issues that will come along with this, one being there will need to be some changed to Article XXI where it addresses the Risk Management Program and operating permits. Bob Orchowski did clarify that there are at least three parts of Article XXI that will need to be looked at as it is not as simple as just taking a line and crossing them off. These changes will be addressed at a different time. Dan asked if the EPA has expressed a willingness to take this back. Dean Deluca explained Air Quality has been speaking with the EPA

extensively about this for several months and yes, they are willing to accept responsibility back.

Approved Coleen M Davis seconded Chip Babst

6. Asbestos outreach to Council of Governments and local municipalities. – Allason Holt / Shannon Sandberg

Shannon explained that an Asbestos Outreach was needed in the county to help educate not only the public but the local municipalities as well to not only the dangers of asbestos but the regulations for safe asbestos removal. Through conversations with various levels of contractors, demolition contractors, code enforcement officials, and Councils of Governments the Asbestos staff has shared information on the dangers of asbestos, the disease rates in Allegheny County, and the safe removal of asbestos in construction, demolition, and remodeling. Shannon shared the material that was created for this outreach program with the committee. There were also updates made to the website providing information to the public and contractors. Since implementing this outreach program there has been a 25 % increase in the number of permit applications showing that the outreach is making a huge difference. The department is going to continue to collaborate with municipalities to get more compliance with general contractors and possibly a direct outreach to general contractors. Jayme explained that another option the department is working with municipalities with it is to include a check box on their building applications showing that yes an asbestos abatement has been done prior to the issuance of the building permit.

Also there is a stronger alliance between Asbestos and Enforcement. A shared calendar has been created so that if a dust complaint comes in Enforcement is able to know if it is an abated construction or not providing valuable time in reacting to complaints. Thurm Brendlinger asked about demolition of personal homes and if there is anyway this information could get into the hands of a private citizen. Shannon explained that is on the horizon for direct contact, but information has been added to the website directed at residential.

7. Report of the Air Program – Jayme Graham

Jayme gave an update on the balance of the Clean Air Fund. She explained there is still a conflict between the legal department and purchasing on how this money is spent. This is causing a hold on all requests. She did share a summary of all the projects from 2016 through current. There is an allotment for Community College of Allegheny County for solar panels that was actually part of a settlement from the Sammis Power Plant Settlement and must be paid out. Allason Holt gave an update of the solar panel project adding car charging ports and areas that needed rewiring to accept the solar panels and the project should be going to out to bid at the beginning of 2018.

About a year ago, \$450,000.00 was allocated for the design of the renovation of Building 1. That has still not happened and is not included on this report. Bob questioned if any of the information on the sheet still required approval by the committee. Jayme explained

that no this has all been approved and once the legal/purchasing issue is completed there will be requests in the future. Steve asked if a project is completed does the money come back to the Clean Air Fund. Jayme explained that projects are, for the most part, paid in reimbursement. Some projects are paid in advance, but most are paid in reimbursements and extra monies stay in the fund. Chip asked how much is still left in the fund and how much is earmarked for the building. Jayme said about ten million is in the fund. The money is to be split between the Title V program and the Clean Air Fund for the construction and remodeling of building 1.

Rachel stated she feels the funds from the Clean Air Fund or the Title V program should not be used towards the renovation of a building as it does not directly affect the quality of the air in Allegheny County. This has not been voted on by this committee or the board of health but is being spoken of as a done deal. Jayme explained that the County budget of what is expected in the coming year, but not all project, including this one, are approved. Nothing is going to go forward without approval of this committee and the Board of Health. Bob expressed concerned the definition of what the monies should be allocated for. Jayme defended that this was an integral project to the performance of the Air Quality department.

Jayme announced that the Alleghany County Health Department is now accredited. After a long two-year process through the Public Accreditation Health Board.

Jayme gave an update of the progress on the webpage. Chip again asked for the removal of unsupported fracking sites. Jayme apologized for not addressing that sooner and will attend to it immediately. Chip, Bob, and Steve stated that there should not be any advocacy information on the County website. Rachel feels that the Health Department is obligated to use information that explains the health effects. Chip and Bob agree but require scientific research.

8. Other Business/Citizen Comments – None

9. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment.

The next meeting is December 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

10. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 6:55 pm. Coleen M Davis moved to adjourn and Robert Orchowski seconded the motion.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham