



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
- Air Quality Commission -

February 2009
SUMMARY MINUTES
OF THE
MECKLENBURG COUNTY AIR QUALITY COMMISSION

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, February 23, 2009, in the Auditorium I & II, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Mary Barker	Kris Knudsen	Keith Long	Todd Glasier	Gordon Miller
Gee Barker	Tonisha Dawson	Ray Fuentes	William Nash	

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Mark Casper	Randy Perkins	Robert Statnick
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Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Don Willard	Joan Liu	Ieshishua Pierce	Leslie Rhodes	Alan Giles	Megan Green
Chuck Greco					

Guest

Tony Jabon, Trinity Consultant

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Barker called the meeting of the Air Quality Commission (AQC) to order at 5:30 p.m.

Vice-Chair Barker, introduced William Nash as a new member of the AQC filling the General Public position. William Nash briefly introduced himself to the AQC members and the Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) staff. The AQC members and staff were also given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Barker, opened the floor for the Approval of the minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve January AQC minutes as written.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Ray Fuentes.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

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.

III. 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.

Vice-Chair Barker, 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

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (AT&T North Carolina-22520)
208 N Caldwell Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

BellSouth Telecommunication, Inc. (AT&T North Carolina – 22506)
2530 W. Sugar Creek, Charlotte, NC

CEMEX Construction Materials Atlantic, LLC (Reames Road Operations)
9950 Metromont Industrial Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28269

Metrolina Greenhouses, Inc, 16400 Huntersville-Concord Road, Huntersville, NC

Rea Contracting, LLC (Rea 069 Arrowood Plant)
12610 Nations Ford Road, Charlotte, NC

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities: Public comment period for the permits below is thirty days.

None

B: Action Required: Information Only

Vulcan Construction Materials, L.P. (VMC – Clear Creek Quarry)
14115 Albemarle Road, Charlotte, 28227

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities:

None

Title V:

Cargill, Inc., 5000 South Boulevard, Charlotte NC 28217

C: Action Required: Alternative Notice

Cognis Corporation (Cognis Corporation – Charlotte Plant) Published date: February 3, 2009
3300 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28241

Transportation Facilities

None

Joan Liu, Air Quality Program Manager, was available to answer questions.

IV. Announcements

Vice-Chair Barker opened the floor to receive announcements. Vice-Chair informed the AQC members of the letter sent to Commissioner Jennifer Roberts concerning the staff’s legislative request for Air Quality revenue. The AQC members would like to receive a status update on any response to the letter in two weeks via email.

V. Revisions to MCAPCO

Chuck Greco, Air Quality Supervisor was introduced to discuss the 2009 proposed revisions to MCAPCO. The AQC members were given a handout that provided a summary of the proposed revisions. It was stated that the proposed revisions contain seventy-eight State rules adopted by reference. The Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will vote on the MCAPCO revisions adoption at the April 7th BOCC meeting.

[Written handout: Summary of April 7, 2009 Revisions to the Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance]

VI. Goals and Projects

There was no discussion on these topics. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

VII. Air Quality Update

Don Willard, Director of Mecklenburg County Air Quality, was called upon to give Air Quality updates. The AQC members were given a handout that provided Particular Matter 2.5(PM2.5) federal reference method three (3) year average concentration for comparison to NAAQS. The handout provided data from 1999 through 2008, which revealed a decrease trend for the annual standard over a three year average in Mecklenburg County. Staff will give a full presentation at the next meeting on the PM 2.5 status update. Mecklenburg County is in compliance with PM 2.5 NAAQS.

Leslie Rhodes, Mobile Source Program Manager, provided the AQC members with an update on the GRADE project. It was stated that the Mobile Source group expects to receive a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for \$750,000. The GRADE project also expects to receive a grant for approximately \$200,000 from the North Carolina Mobile Source Emission Grant as well as CMAQ funds from MUMPO. MCAQ staff is currently exploring ways to use all of the funds (with various match requirements) in a way that provides the most attractive incentives and funds the most cost effective projects.

The AQC members were given an overview of the type of funding Mecklenburg County Air Quality program could possibly received from the Economic Stimulus package. There are three source categories that money could possibly be received: (1) Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), (2) Grants for Transportation Electrification, and (3) Energy Efficiency Block Grants. DERA is funded through the EPA and would focus on allowing diesel retrofits, repowers or replacements as well as idle reduction technology. Grants for Transportation Electrification and Energy Efficiency Block Grants are funded through the Department of Energy focusing on a list of projects that include encouraging plug in hybrid technology, conducting residential &

commercial building energy audits, and establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements.

Recommendations for projects are as follows:

DERA

- Expand GRADE to include all highway off-road diesel and stationary generators

Energy Efficiency Block Grants

- Energy Audits
- Programmable Thermostat Projects
- Mowing Green Keeps Air Clean (electric lawn mower rebates)

The AQC members were given an update on BMWNC title V permit renewal application process. Joan Liu stated that BMWNC had resubmitted a permit application to MCAQ including modeling and stack test report. Staff is currently reviewing the permit application to determine the application completeness. When the permit application review is complete the permit will be placed on the AQC agenda as well as published in the newspaper.

[Written handout: Particular Matter 2.5(PM2.5) federal reference method three (3) year average concentration for comparison to NAAQS (graph)]

VIII. Public Comment
None

IX. Other Business
None

X. Next Meeting
March 23, 2009

Adjournment
6:24 p.m.