



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

- Air Quality Commission -

March 2009
SUMMARY MINUTES
OF THE
MECKLENBURG COUNTY AIR QUALITY COMMISSION

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

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Mark Casper Mary Barker Kris Knudsen Randy Perkins Todd Glasier Gordon Miller
Gee Barker Ray Fuentes William Nash Robert Statnick

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Keith Long Tonisha Dawson

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Don Willard Joan Liu Ieshishua Pierce Leslie Rhodes Jeff Francis

Guest

Tony Jabon, Trinity Consultant

- I. Call to Order
 Chair Casper called the meeting of the Air Quality Commission (AQC) to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 Chair Casper, opened the floor for the Approval of the minutes.

Action Taken:

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

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Robert Statnick.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

- 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.

Chair Casper, 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

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (AT&T North Carolina-27689)
9139 Research Drive, Charlotte, NC
BP Products North America, Inc.(Charlotte BP Terminal)
7401 Old Mount Holly Rd., Charlotte, NC
Kurz Transfer Products, L.P., 3200 Woodpark Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28206
Web-Don, Inc., 1400 Ameron Drive, Charlotte, NC 28206

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

Mark Oil Company, Inc. (Highland Creek BP), 5405 Ridge Road, Charlotte, NC 28269

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

B: Action Required: Information Only

Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities Department (McDowell Wastewater Treatment Plant)
4901 Neck Road, Huntersville, NC 28078
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (Mobile Concrete Crushing Plant- Arrowood Quarry)
11325 Texland Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273
Process Innovation LLC, 12345 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28273
Siemens Energy, Inc. (Charlotte Turbine Generator Service Center)
5101 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities:

None

Notification:

None

C: Action Required: Alternative Notice

Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc., 8501 Old Statesville Rd., Charlotte, NC 28269

Transportation Facilities

None

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

IV. Announcements

Chair Casper opened the floor to receive announcements. There were no announcements. Chair Casper officially welcomed William Nash, the newest AQC member.

V. PM 2.5 Attainment Status

Jeff Francis, Air Monitoring Program Manager, was introduced to give compliance report on Particulate Matter 2.5(PM2.5). The AQC members received a handout of the PowerPoint presentation discussing PM2.5 data summary for 2008. The presentation provided data from 1999 through 2008. The PM2.5 data for the annual standard over a three year average has shown a decrease trend in Mecklenburg County. The same is true concerning data shown for the 24 hour standard. The 24 hour standard three year average shows consistent data below the standard.

[Written handout: PM2.5 Data Summary 2008 PowerPoint Presentation]

Randy Perkins arrives at 5:44 p.m. and Mary Barker arrives at 5:53 p.m.

- VI. Recommendations to Board of County Commissioners Re: Ozone Attainment
- Chair Casper opened the floor to discuss the email received from Commissioner Jennifer Roberts asking the AQC members to provide some recommendations to the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on ozone attainment. Chair Casper asked MCAQ staff to provide an update on the Clean Air Works program. Don Willard, Director of Mecklenburg County Air Quality provided background information on the program for the new AQC members while providing an update on the program. There was a lengthy discussion between the AQC members and staff concerning recommendation for various control options available this summer. Chair Casper will draft a letter to the BOCC promoting the Clean Air Work program as well as recommendations for possible controls.
- VII. Emission Reduction Projects and Funding
- Leslie Rhodes, Mobile Source Program Manager, was called upon to discuss the emission reduction projects and funding. The AQC members were informed that MCAQ has received the following funding for \$750,000 from the Diesel Emission Reduction Acts to expand GRADE to include off-road construction diesel equipment. Funding was also received from CMAQ totaling \$300,000 to accompany the \$200,000 received from the North Carolina Mobile Source Emission Grant. MCAQ staff will be submitting a grant application to the EPA for additional funding from the stimulus packet.

The AQC members were informed that North Carolina Division of Air Quality has applied for funding for there own program called LEADER. The LEADER program is similar to the GRADE program.

Mary Barker departs at 6:47 p.m.

- VIII. Goals and Projects
- There was no discussion on these topics.
- IX. Air Quality Update
- The AQC members were informed that the FY10 budget discussion has been delayed. MCAQ may cut a vacancy but staff should be okay. NESHAP revenue has shown a decrease over the last few months. Stationary fees and NC Fuel taxes revenue has remained steady.

The AQC members were informed that MCAQ will hold another Don't Drive Day on May 7th. More details will be provided at a later time.

X. Public Comment
None

XI. Other Business

Ray Fuentes informed the AQC members of a presentation given by Megan Green and Joan Liu on Air Quality at the Environmental Committee Chamber quarterly meeting held on March 18th. Ray Fuentes is the chairman of the committee.

XII. Next Meeting
April 27, 2009

Adjournment
6:55 p.m.