

**AIR RESOURCES COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING #228  
01/12/15**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Duval, Vice-Chairman David Collins, Raymond Donald, William Smagula, Kris Blomback, Georgia Murray (via conf. call),

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Ryan Bielagus, Carmela Amato-Wierda, Deborah Chabot

**NHDES – ARD PERSONNEL:** Craig Wright, Gary Milbury, Michele Roberge

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Anne Keach

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Duval called Meeting #228 of the Air Resources Council (ARC) to order at 9:10 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015. Chairman Duval announced that a quorum of the ARC was present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Raymond Donald entered a motion to accept the minutes of meeting #227 with minor revisions. Kris Blomback seconded the motion. William Smagula abstained. All others were in favor. The motion carried. The minutes of ARC meeting #227 of October 20, 2014, were approved and accepted by the ARC.

**Division Activities & Legislative Update:**

Chairman Duval introduced Craig Wright, Director of the Air Resources Division (ARD). Director Wright briefly updated members of the ARC regarding issues relative to the ARD, including:

**Air Resources Division Related Legislative Service Requests**

Director Wright provided members of the ARC with a list of 2015 Legislative Service Requests relative to the programs of the Air resources Division (ARD):

2015-H-0016-R, banning corn-based ethanol as an additive to gasoline in New Hampshire. Sponsor: Joseph Pitre

2015-H-0076-R, relative to idling by diesel locomotives. Sponsor: Norman Major

2015-H-0083-R, relative to renewable portfolio standards. Sponsor: Jack Flanagan

2015—H-0098-R, relative to a performance audit of the air and water pollution control facilities program. Sponsor: Robert Cushing

2015-H-0120-R, relative to the application of residential customer regional greenhouse gas initiative rebates to low income weatherization. Sponsor: David Borden

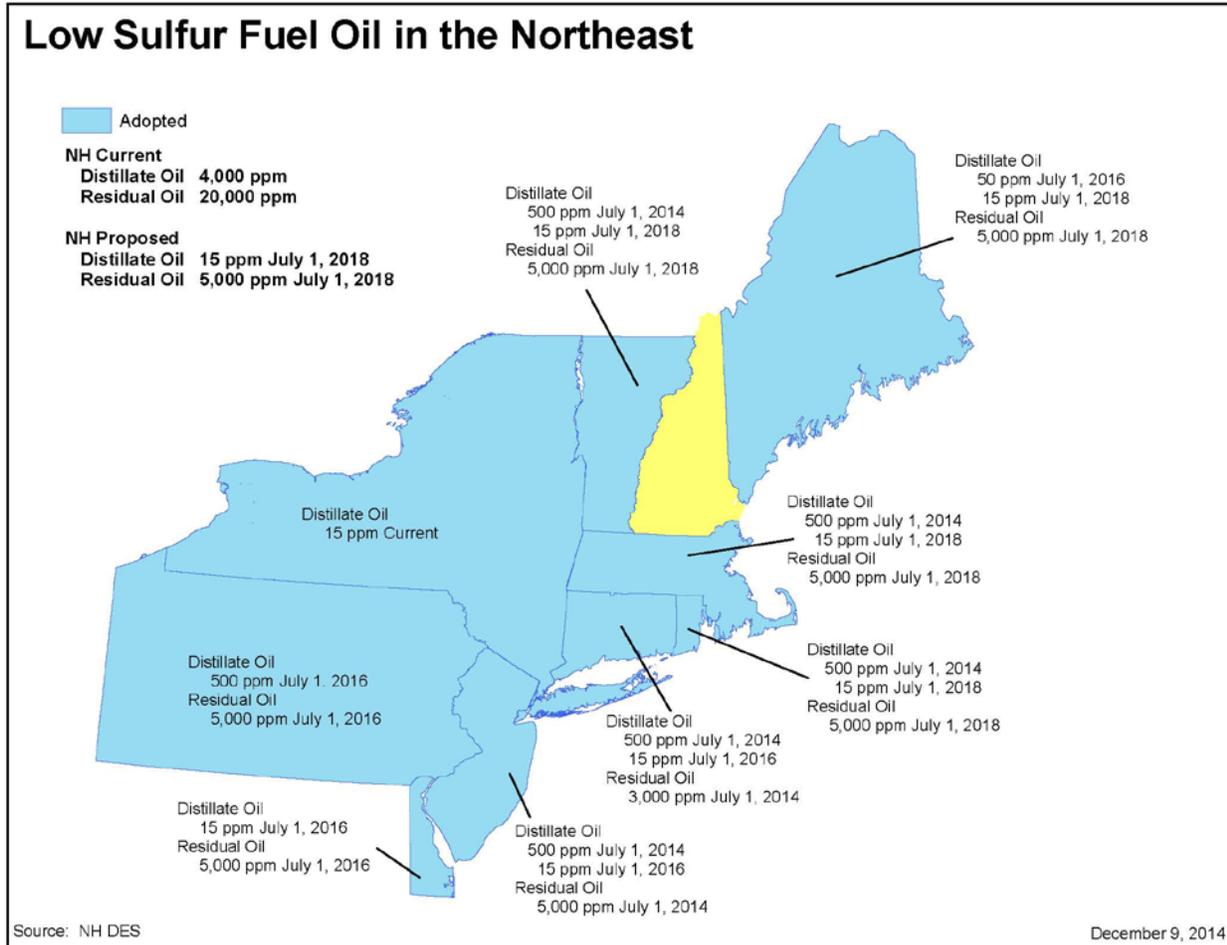
2015-H-0176-R, relative to motor vehicle inspections.

2015-H-0249-R, allowing sale of gasoline without ethanol. Sponsor: Donald McClarren

2015-H-0321-R, relative to motor vehicle emission requirements. Sponsor: James Parison

2015-S-0386-R, limiting the sulfur content of fuels. Sponsor: Jeb Bradley

As supplemental information regarding this LSR, Director Wright provided members of the ARC with the following map showing the status of Low Sulfur Fuel oil in the Northeast:



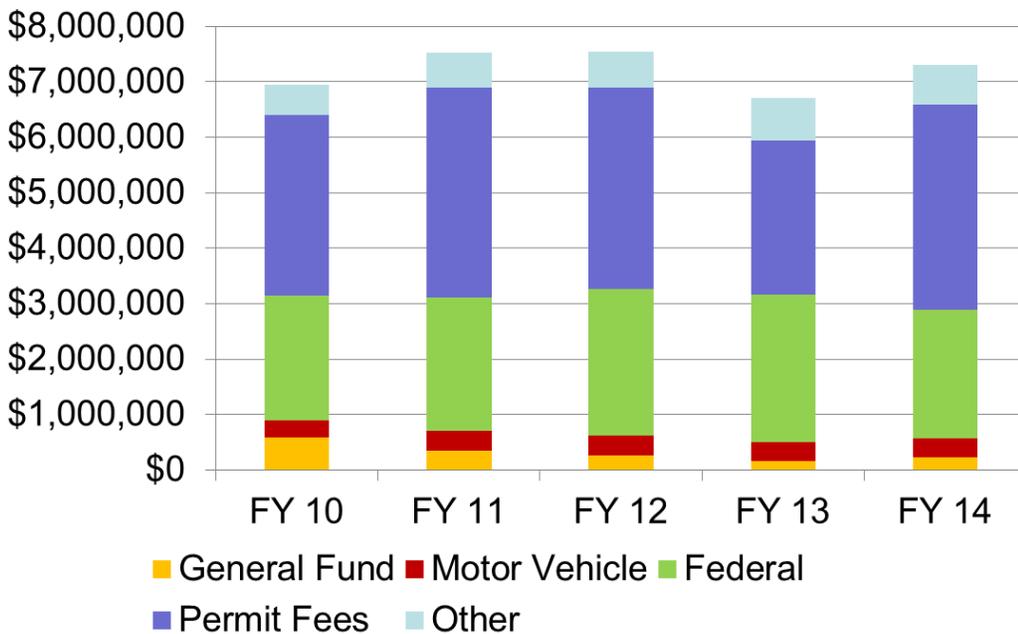
Director Wright believes this may become a study bill and will share the text of the legislation as it becomes available.

2015-H-0442-L, relative to the vehicle registration fee. Sponsor: Amanda Bouldin

Chairman Duval asked if there is any legislation concerning consolidating NHDES permits. Director Wright reported that the legislation concerns permits relative to the Water Division and the Land Resource Management Programs.

Budget

Director Wright apprised members of the ARC with an overview of the ARD's program revenues as depicted by the following graph.



Noting that motor vehicle emissions account for approximately fifty percent of emissions in NH, Director Wright stated that the ARD currently receives \$.25/motor vehicle inspection fee, and will request an increase to \$.75/inspection fee.

Director Wright also provided members of the ARC with a graph depicting the ARD's Emission-Based Fee Rates for Air Permits which is currently set at \$235.50/ton. Director Wright expects this emission-based fee to increase in 2015.

Georgia Murray recommended that Director Wright prepare and include a chart that depicts the increased program complexities and workload on ARD staff in addition to the charts illustrating program revenues by source.

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) Schiller Station

Director Wright reported that on December 18, 2014, the Sierra Club Filed suit against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the D.C. District Court for EPA's failure to grant or deny their Title V Petition.

The NHDES is working with PSNH on a modeling demonstration to facilitate a better understating of local air quality influences associated with emissions from the Schiller Station power plant in Portsmouth, NH relative to the recently revised national ambient air quality standard for SO<sub>2</sub>. The air quality monitoring station will be located in the middle of the cul-de-sac on Sawgrass Lane in Eliot, ME. Director Wright added that the monitor will be stationed at Sawgrass Lane for one year to collect fact-based data for all parties involved. Dr. Jeffrey Underhill, Chief Scientist for the Air Resources Division will be reviewing the data taking in to account other sources in the area contributing to wind speed.

William Smagula added that the Sierra Club assisted the Town of Eliot, Maine to file a Good Neighbor Petition while incorrectly interpreting the process for a state to file such a petition against another state; not a municipality filing against a state.

### North Country Environmental Services, Bethlehem

On January 6, the ARD received an application for a Temporary Permit for an expansion of the North Country Environmental Services landfill in Bethlehem.

### Env-A 900, Owner-Operator Record Keeping

Director Wright informed members of the ARC that the prior to presenting any revisions to Env-A 900, the ARD will assemble a stakeholder group during the month of February 2015, and plans to present the rule to the ARC in March 2015.

### **Status of Appeals**

Currently, there are no appeals before the ARC.

### **New Business**

Chairman Duval noted the following vacancies on the Air Resources Council:

- Gas Industry
- Manufacturing Component of Industry

Chairman Duval asked members of the ARC to contact individuals who may be interested in appointment to serve in these sectors, and to contact the Governor's Office with any recommendations.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Duval scheduled the next meeting of the ARC to be held on Monday, February 9, 2014.

### **Public Commentary**

No members of the public were present.

### **Adjourn**

Having no further business to discuss, William Smagula entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Raymond Donald. All were in favor. Meeting #228 of the Air Resources Council adjourned at 10:00a.m., on January 12, 2014.