

**AIR RESOURCES COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING #229
02/09/15**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Duval, Vice-Chairman David Collins, William Smagula (via conf. call), Kris Blomback, Deborah Chabot (via conf. call)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ryan Bielagus, Raymond Donald, Carmela Amato-Wierda, Georgia Murray

NHDES – ARD PERSONNEL: Craig Wright, Gary Milbury, Todd Moore, Sonny Strickland, Michele Roberge, K. McManus

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Keach

Call to Order:

Chairman Duval called Meeting #229 of the Air Resources Council (ARC) to order at 9:40 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015. Chairman Duval announced that a quorum of the ARC was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Kris Blomback entered a motion to accept the minutes of meeting #228. David Collins seconded the motion. All others were in favor. The motion carried. The minutes of ARC meeting #228 of January 12, 2015, were approved and accepted by the ARC.

Preview Summary of Draft Amendments to Env-A 900, Owner or Operator Recordkeeping and Reporting Obligations

Due to the inclement weather and the delayed start of the ARC Meeting, Chairman Duval requested that Karla McManus and Todd Moore present members of the ARC with a preview of draft amendments to Env-A 900, *Owner or Operator Recordkeeping and Reporting Obligations*, prior to the Director Division Update.

Mr. Moore, Construction and Planning Manager of the Permitting and Environmental Health Bureau informed members of the ARC that the formal presentation of amendments to Env-A 900 will be presented to the ARC at the March 16, 2015 meeting. Mr. Moore stated that the purpose of Env-A 900 is to require sources that emit regulated air pollutants to keep appropriate records so that emissions can be calculated and reported to the NHDES as necessary to demonstrate compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. Every source that has an air permit is subject to some requirements contained in Env-A 900. In fact, even sources of air emissions which do not need air permits are subject to some minimal recordkeeping obligations contained in Env-A 900 for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

Chapter Env-A 900 includes recordkeeping and reporting requirements associated with maintaining an air permit, including requirements for maintaining records of production and operation, maintaining records of actual emissions of air pollutants, and periodically providing reports of actual operations and emissions to the ARD. It also specifies the recordkeeping and reporting obligations for sources when deviations from their permit conditions occur.

The proposed changes will affect every source which holds a Temporary Permit, State Permit to Operate, or a Title V Operating Permit. A summary of the draft changes to Env-A 900 includes: Submittal of Report (Env-A 907)

- Add requirements that each report submitted to the ARD be clearly labeled to identify its purpose and contents.
- Clarify that reports may be submitted via electronic media.

Annual Emissions Reporting Requirements (Env-A 907.01(.02))

- Currently Env-A 907.01 requires that all sources which hold a Temporary Permit, State Permit to Operate, or a Title V Operating Permit must annually submit a report of their actual emissions of all regulated air pollutants and all regulated toxic air pollutants. The ARD has determined that it is not necessary for all sources to submit all of that data. The draft amendment set up a tiered system which will reduce the number of pollutants required to be reported by many sources operating under Temporary Permits or State Permits to Operate.
- Add a requirement that sources subject to Title V include, in their annual emissions report, a breakdown of fine particulate emissions by type and greenhouse gas emissions. This information is already required to be compiled and submitted by these sources as part of their Title V permit renewal applications.
- Remove the requirement that sources subject to Title V include, in their annual emissions report, actual emissions from insignificant activities.
- Remove the requirement that sources subject to Title V pay fees on emissions from insignificant activities.

VOC RACT Reporting Requirements (Env-A 908.03)

- Remove the requirement that sources subject to VOC RACT annually submit process data demonstrating compliance with RACVT requirements. These sources will still be required to maintain records of this information, but sources would only need to submit the information to the ARD upon request.

Non-Title V Source Permit Deviation Reporting (Env-A 911.02(b))

- Add a requirement that sources not subject to Title V (commonly referred to as “minor” or “state” sources) record and report to the ARD information regarding any failure to comply with an air pollution control equipment operating parameters and/or any permit deviation which causes excess emissions.

Mr. Moore reported that the feedback received from the January 9, 2015 stakeholder meeting was positive, particularly concerning removing the requirement to include emissions from insignificant activities in their reporting.

William Smagula stated he appreciates the efforts made by the ARD to engage multiple stakeholders and providing a beneficial dialogue at the stakeholder meetings in order to create the draft amendments to Env-A 900.

Mr. Moore assured members of the ARC that he will provide an update of the amendments to Env-A 900 at the next ARC meeting on March 16, 2015. He added that an additional stakeholder meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH and invited members of the ARC to attend.

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 Activity

Director Wright provided members of the ARC with an update of 2015 Legislative activity relevant to ARD programs:

HB 208, relative to repealing the New Hampshire Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative program.

Sponsor: Rep. Barry

Position: Oppose

HB 574, relative to regional greenhouse gas initiative distributions to residential customers.

Sponsor: Rep. Borden

Position: Support

As supplemental information, Director Wright requested that copies and/or a link to the *New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, Results and Effectiveness of the System Benefits Charge Annual Report* be provided to members of the ARC.

Permitting

On-Line Permitting Systems - Director Wright announced that over 99% of sources have registered to use the ARD's on-line permitting system to renew their permits for emergency generators.

Schiller Station, Portsmouth, NH – Northeast Utilities, Public Service of New Hampshire has applied for a temporary permit for the installation of air pollution control equipment on Units SR4 and SR6 to reduce mercury and air toxics. A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at the Portsmouth City Hall, Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Cheshire County Woodstove Change Out Program – On January 22, 2015, Director Wright attended a press event announcing the launching of a woodstove change out program for Cheshire County. Residents may turn in old, inefficient woodstoves and receive a voucher worth \$1,000 towards an EPA certified woodstove, \$1,500 towards a pellet or gas stove, or \$4,000 towards a new outdoor wood boiler. A total of \$425,000 in vouchers will be dispersed. This is the second woodstove change out program in less than ten years that has targeted Cheshire County in order to improve air quality in the region.

Status of Appeals

Currently, there are no appeals before the ARC.

New Business

No new business of the ARC was discussed.

Other Business

Chairman Duval scheduled the next meeting of the ARC to be held on Monday, March 16, 2015.

Public Commentary

No members of the public were present.

Adjourn

Having no further business to discuss, David Collins entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kris Blomback. All were in favor. Meeting #229 of the Air Resources Council adjourned at 10:10 a.m., on February 9, 2015.