

**AIR RESOURCES COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING #232  
6/22/15**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Duval, Vice-Chairman David Collins, Kris Blomback, Deborah Chabot, Carmela Amato-Wierda, Mark Lambert, Raymond Donald, Ryan Bielagus, William Smagula, Georgia Murray (via. conf. call)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

**NHDES – ARD PERSONNEL:** Craig Wright, Joseph Fontaine, Gary Milbury, Michele Roberge, Karla McManus

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Anne Keach

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Duval called Meeting #232 of the Air Resources Council (ARC) to order at 9:05 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015. Chairman Duval announced that a quorum of the ARC was present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Vice-Chairman Collins entered a motion to accept the minutes of meeting #231. Ryan Bielagus seconded the motion. Raymond Donald and William Smagula abstained. All others were in favor. The motion carried. The minutes of ARC meeting #231 of May 18, 2015 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:

**Meeting with EPA Region I**

Director Wright met with EPA Region I officials to discuss the Air Resources Division work plan for the next two years and related program funding.

Three major areas of collaboration were identified:

1. Climate Change Activities
2. Permitting Processes
3. Funding: FY 15 (1% reduction in federal funds), FY16 (5% reduction on federal funds), and FY 17 (7% reduction in federal funds)

Director Wright explained that the federal funding allocation is derived from a formula calculation based on:

1. Population base
2. Number of non-attainment areas
3. Number of air toxics issues

### Budget

Director Wright informed members of the ARC that Governor Hassan is expected to veto the State Budget; therefore, the NHDES- ARD is operating under a Continuing Resolution until a State Budget is passed.

### Legislation

Director Wright discussed the funding plan contained in HB 614, relative to implementing goals of the state 10-year energy strategy, modifying uses of the site evaluation committee fund, establishing fees for energy facility evaluation, and relative to a public information session on proposed state energy siting.

### Ozone Exceedances

Director Wright reported that two ozone exceedances on Mt. Washington were recorded on May 8 & 9, 2015.

### Permitting

On April 15, 2015, the ARD issued a temporary permit to Schiller Station, Eversource (formerly Public Service of New Hampshire) Portsmouth, NH –for the installation of air pollution control equipment on Units SR4 and SR6 to reduce mercury and air toxics. The source has a one-year extension (4/16/16) to comply with Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS).

Ammonoosuc Asphalt, Inc., Lisbon, NH – application withdrawn. The hot mix asphalt batch plant will continue to operate in the current Dalton location.

### **Env-A 3200 NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program:**

Karla McManus, Planning and Rules Manager of the Air Resources Division presented the proposed amendments to Env- 3200, *NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program*. Ms. McManus stated that Env-A 3200, *NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Trading Program*, is due to expire on November 2, 2015. This rule implements the NO<sub>x</sub> Budget Program established by state law which requires reductions in ozone season NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from NO<sub>x</sub> budget sources, in order to further the effort to achieve the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQs) for ozone.

The ARD is proposing to readopt Env-A 3200 with the following changes: eliminate the Eversource (formerly PSNH) discrete emissions reductions (DERs) for allowances swap provision, Env-A 3207.11; allow smaller industrial sources to acquire/use allowances (converted to DERs) for RACT compliance; streamline the process for requesting set-aside allowances; streamline the permitting process in Env-A 3208.02(a) by removing the requirement to identify the authorized account representative in the permit; clarify language in Env-A 3209.02, Env-A 3209.03, and Env-A 3209.07; and change the frequency for program audits to match the schedule for rule re-adoption.

Members of the ARC discussed the likelihood of EPA lowering the ozone standard, and the associated 176-A Petition filed by the State of New Hampshire, and the New Transport Rule State Collaborative on Ozone Transport (SCOOT).

David Collins entered a motion to accept the proposed amendments of Env-A 3200. Raymond Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Env-A 3200 was accepted by the ARC for review. Chairman Duval instructed members of the ARC to contact Vice-Chairman Collins with further comments regarding Env-A 3200 within fifteen days.

Ms. McManus reported that the ARD is working on a file retention schedule. She suggested that the ARC contact the NHDES Legal Unit to discuss inclusion of the ARC's records retention in Env-AC 200, ARC Procedural Rules.

**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, August 17, 2015.

**Public Commentary**

No members of the public were present.

**Adjourn**

Having no further business to discuss, Deborah Chabot entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kris Blomback. All were in favor. Meeting #232 of the Air Resources Council adjourned at 10:15 a.m., on June 22, 2015.