

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

The meeting of the Air Pollution Control Board was held Wednesday, February 5, 2014,
At the Municipal Services Building, 1401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, 16th Floor, Room Y.

Eddie R. Battle, Chairman, presided:

ATTENDING:

MEMBERS: Eddie Battle, Chair of the APCB
Dr. Arthur L Frank, Member, APCB
Dr. Shannon P. Marquez, Member, APCB

STAFF: Thomas Huynh, Director, Air Management Services (AMS)
Edward Braun, Program Manager, AMS
Roger Fey, Chief of Facility Compliance, AMS
Edward Wiener, Chief, Source Registration, AMS
Alison Riley, Voluntary Programs Coordinator, AMS
Ramesh Mahadevan, Engineering Supervisor, AMS
Patrick O'Neill, Counsel for the City of Philadelphia
Dennis Yuen, Counsel for the City of Philadelphia

1. WELCOME

(Whereupon, the proceedings commenced at approximately 2:05 p.m.)

Chairman Battle asked for the Board members to introduce themselves.

2. ACTION ON MINUTES

There is no action taken on the minutes for the meeting of October 10, 2013 since only three board members were present. Minute action will be taken in the next meeting.

3. PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Huynh read the Air Program's updates (see attached).

Chairman Battle asked if there were any questions. Mr. Battle asked where most violations have been issued for engine idling and if there were any exception for issuing violations. Mr. Huynh

stated that most violations issued are in Center City and the regulation allows when it is below forty degrees. Mr. Frank asked if Ozone trends are getting better. Mr. Huynh responded yes, it is still going down. We only had one Ozone day last summer and there have been a lot of conversions to natural gas so that really helps air quality.

4. MAYORS TASK FORCE ON MANUFACTURING

Mr. Duane Bumb from the Mayor's Task Force on Manufacturing gave a presentation on Manufacturing Growth Strategy for The City of Philadelphia and stated that manufacturing is an important industry sector for our economy. Mr. Bumb covered the following areas during his presentation: Definition of the Manufacturing Sector, Analysis of Key Foundational Issues, and Strategy Recommendations (see attached). Mr. Frank comments that 3 issues were not addressed: Philadelphia school system, infrastructure, and the fact that Philadelphia is a union town. Ms Marquez states that outreach is needed to communities that have been disproportionately impacted and she would like to hear about building trust with communities that have been disenfranchised in the past. Ms Marquez recommends this integration with the community needs be done early on as manufacturing increases. Mr. Battle asks has the health issue been looked at by the task force. Mr. Bumb replied no but the three areas of manufacturing that we are looking at: food production, pharmaceuticals, innovation are subject to federal standards. Mr. Huynh asks what we can do strategically to develop a new technology company here since Philadelphia has some of the best higher education systems, what avenues should we pursue. Mr. Bumb responded that technology companies are moving back into the City because they cannot get the workforce needed in some of the places like Exton and Malvern Pa. Also, 10 years ago a lot of companies were fleeing the City due to high taxes, but now it seems to be a different dynamic; one which shows the City as a positive. So, that gives us a small window to fix what we need to keep the young information technology (IT) people here.

5. PRESENTATION ON DUST CONTROL GUIDELINES

Ramesh gave a presentation of The Dust Control Guidance Document that AMS is creating and drafting (see attached). Mr. Frank asks will this board be involved in voting or having any input on this. Mr. Huynh replied that we are still in the developmental stages of the document but hopefully at the next meeting we will be able to present a draft to the board for proposal of a regulation. Mr. Fey replied that the Silica standard is still being debated by OSHA until the 16th of this month. Mr. O'Neill stated that right now these are just guidelines; initially we will post these guidelines on the website and then at some point present it to the Board for proposal of a regulation. Ms Marquez asks if there are any implications on runoff. Mr. O'Neill replied that the water department already has guidelines/regulations on storm water collection, runoff and using water to suppress dust. For example, adding glycol in small quantities to the water to keep the dust down, or in limited circumstances being granted fire hydrant use for "wetting" to control dust. Also, we have an implosion program. Mr. Frank asks how many implosions we do. Mr. O'Neill responded, not many.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm, and the next meeting will be held Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 2:00 pm, 16th fl. MSB, Room Y.