

Advisory Council Minutes
January 28, 2010
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

Members Present:

Peter G. Williams, Public Health
Ray Kelleher, Business Community
Bernard (Bud) Leber, Industry
Chester Johns, Jr., Agriculture
Adriane Borgias, Environmental
Jana McDonald, Air Pollution Control
Doug Pottratz, Citizen

Staff Present:

Bill Dameworth, Director
Ron Edgar, Chief of Technical Services
Chuck Studer, Engineer, I
Lisa Woodard, Public Information Officer
Mary McDermott, Secretary II

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. Introduction of New Member Doug Pottratz

Bill Dameworth introduced our new Advisory Council Member Doug Pottratz.

2. Approval of the October 22, 2009 Minutes

Ray Kelleher moved to approve the October 22, 2010 minutes and Jana McDonald seconded it. Minutes approved.

3. Update on Odor/Nuisance Rule – Chuck Studer

Chuck Studer gave an update of the proposed Odor/Nuisance Rule at the November Board meeting. The Board directed Staff to make a few non-substantive clarifications to the proposed rule. Chuck cited the changes that have been made to Section 6.04D and 6.04D.2 and he added a new subsection E. clarifying what information Spokane Clean Air would use to determine whether or not a violation had occurred. A Supplementary CR-102 Form and the complete rule revisions were submitted to, and accepted by, the Code Reviser's Office on December 18th, 2009. The comment period on the rule revision ends January 22nd, 2010 and a hearing is scheduled for March 4th, 2010.

4. Update on Ambient Air Quality Standards – Ron Edgar

On January 6, 2010, EPA proposed revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Ground-level ozone. The proposed revisions would affect two types of

ozone standards, the primary standard is to protect the public health, including the health of at-risk populations such as children, people with asthma, and older adults; and the secondary standard is to protect public welfare and the environment, including sensitive vegetation. Specifically, the EPA is proposing to revise the level of the primary 8-hour ozone standard to a level within the range of 0.06-0.070 parts per million (ppm) and they are proposing to establish a separate cumulative secondary standard with a range of 7-15 ppm-hours. EPA is also proposing to update the Air Quality Index (AQI) for ozone. They plan to issue final standards by August 31, 2010.

On January 22, 2010 EPA strengthened the primary NAAQS for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) to increase protection of public health by adding a 1-hour NO₂ at 100 parts per billion (ppb); and retaining the annual average NO₂ standard at a level of 53 ppb. To determine compliance with the revised NO₂ standard, EPA also is making changes to the NO₂ air quality monitoring network requirements. EPA is requiring all new NO₂ monitors to begin operating no later than January 1, 2013. There was some discussion between the council members and staff.

5. Business Recognition Update (held over from October 22, 2009 meeting) – Lisa Woodard

Lisa Woodard gave an overview of Spokane Clean Air and the Business Recognition Program which includes the Clean Air Award and Doing our Share for Clean Air (can be viewed on Spokane Clean Air web site). The Clean Air Award is presented annually to a company that has consistently demonstrated a commitment to reduce air emissions. This year 2010 the Award will be presented to Fiber-Tech Industries. Doing our Share for Clean Air is an every-other-year recognition program for registered facilities that submit the form and meet the criteria. When a business submits the recognition form and meets the criteria, they receive a window decal and are listed in our Compliance Assistance Program Update newsletter; a certificate is presented at our Board of Director's meeting.

6. Election of Vice – Chair (The Board Chair is the Chair of the Advisory Council)

Peter Williams was elected by the Advisory Council to be the Vice Chair.

Mark Roberge, moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR