

Minutes
Environmental Protection Committee
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

March 24, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chairman
Walter Hudson, Vice Chairman
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Phyllis Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra
Philip Wilheit, Jr., Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of GA
Michael Pisciotta, GA Agribusiness Council
Andrew Schock, TCF
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates
Hunter Hopkins, GA Petroleum Council
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Leah Barnett, GA Conservancy
John Eberhart, GA Earth Alliance
Buck Dixon, Georgia House of Representatives

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Zachary Harris
Lauren Curry
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Russ Pennington
Doralyn Kirkland
Mary Walker
Keith Bentley
John Bowers
Jeff Cown
Antoinette Norfleet
Mike Harris
John Bowers
Sam O'Neal

The March 24, 2014 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Philip Wilheit.

Chairman Wilheit called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, who called on Keith Bentley, Chief of the Air Protection Branch.

Mr. Bentley stated the first item was an action on the proposed repeal of the Rules for Clean Fueled Fleets, Chapter 391-3-22.

Mr. Bentley stated this Rule was adopted in 1994. He further stated advancing technology and the National Vehicle Standards have made this Rule obsolete.

Mr. Bentley stated the Board was briefed on this repeal in January. He further stated no comments were received during the public comment period.

Mr. Bentley stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. McWhorter and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed Repeal of the Rules for Clean Fueled Fleets, Chapter 391-3-22, as presented.

Mr. Bentley stated the next item would be an action on the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to gasoline marketing, consumer and commercial products, and emergency generators for data centers.

Mr. Bentley stated the Atlanta area was re-designated attainment for the 1997 ozone standard on December 3, 2013. He further stated because of improved air quality and projected emission trends, EPD is in a position to provide some regulatory relief while still protecting the air quality.

Mr. Bentley stated the Board was briefed on this item in January. He stated only positive comments were received during the public notice period.

Mr. Bentley stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hudson and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to gasoline marketing, consumer and commercial products, and emergency generators for data centers, as presented.

Mr. Bentley stated the final item would be a briefing on the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates.

Mr. Bentley stated EPD regularly updates rules to incorporate changes to US EPA rules, update references to the most current document, and to clarify requirements.

Mr. Bentley stated the proposed action would be amending “Definitions,” “Sewage Sludge Incineration Units Constructed On or Before October 14, 2010,” “Ambient Air Standards,” “Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality,” “New Source Performance Standards,” “Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants,” and “Title V Operating Permits.”

Mr. Bentley stated the Rules would be out for public notice in March and a public hearing would be held in May. He further stated EPD would request adoption of the rule change by the Board at the June 2014 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.