

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

June 26, 2012

Attending:

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chairman
Steven Woodruff, Vice Chairman
William Bagwell
Dennis Billew
Phyllis Johnson
Mark Mobley
Jim Walters
Rob Leebern, Acting Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Smith
Loyce Turner
Philip Wilheit, Jr.

Visitors

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Rebecca Lam, Environment Georgia
Jeanette Gayer, Environment Georgia
Madison Poche, Environment Georgia
Robin Osindel, Environment Georgia
Stefan Bugge, Environment Georgia
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Todd Holbrook
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Lauren Curry
Ben Stowers
Doug Haymans
John Bowers
Mike Harris
Richard Tanner
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
Joshua Ellis
Zachary Harris
Kyle Pearson
Eddie Henderson
Steven Adams
Jac Capp
Paul Nelson
Leigh Burns
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

The June 26, 2012 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Acting Board Chairman Rob Leebern. Chairman Leebern called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Mr. Lambert called on Jac Capp, Chief, Air Protection Branch, to present two action items.

Mr. Capp stated that the first item for consideration was action on proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates. He further stated that the proposed amendments include the following changes:

- **Rule 391-3-1-.01(nnnn)**, the definition of **“Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants,”** is amended to reference the most recent revision of the manual.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(c), “Incinerators,”** is being revised to exempt certain incinerators from the State rule that are subject to more stringent, State-adopted Federal standards.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(www), “Sewage Sludge Incineration Units Construction On or Before October 14, 2010,”** is being added to comply with Federal guidelines to impose limits on emissions of nine pollutants from existing Sewage Sludge Incineration (SSI) units.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(7), “Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality,”** is being amended to incorporate the most recent version of the Federal regulations by reference.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(8)(b), “New Source Performance Standards,”** is being revised to incorporate the new Performance Standards and change the amendment dates of the existing standards to include the latest amendment dates to update the Georgia Rules to ensure consistency between the State and Federal programs.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.02(9)(b), “Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants,”** is being updated with new emissions standards and the latest amendment dates of the existing rules are being incorporated into the Georgia rules by reference to ensure consistency between the State and Federal Programs.
- **Rule 391-3-1-.03(6), “Exemptions,”** is being amended to include a new permit exemption for small modifications at existing quarries that are not major sources.

Mr. Capp stated that he would like to request that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the proposed amendments as presented.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Walters and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Capp gave a brief update on the issue of coal-fired power plants.

Mr. Capp stated that the final item was for action on the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to permit fees. He further stated that the proposed amendment is as follows:

- **Rule 391-3-1-.03(9), "Permit Fees,"** is being amended to specify the fee rates and reference a new fee manual for Calendar Year 2011 fees.

Mr. Capp stated that this was a yearly ask of the Board and that he would like to request that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the proposed amendments as presented.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mrs. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to permit fees, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Lambert called on Jud Turner, Director, Environmental Protection Division, for an update.

Director Turner gave an update on the Supreme Court decision regarding Lake Lanier; Rayonier's discharge into the Altamaha River; and the recent fish kill in the Ogeechee River.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.