

**FORSYTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE and PROTECTION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

January 15, 2013

The Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection Advisory Board met on January 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Equalization and Review Board Room, Forsyth County Government Center, 201 North Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter DeVries, Chairman
Tommy Thompson, Vice Chairman
Nathan Atkinson
Mary Beth Williams
Charles Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Mosko
Richard Sieg

FCOEAP PRESENT: Minor Barnette Lorelei Elkins
Peter Lloyd Donna Murphy
Bob Ragland Patrick Reagan

VISITORS: None

I. Call to Order.

Peter DeVries called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2012.

Peter DeVries moved to accept the October minutes. Nathan Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes, Tommy Thompson seconded the motion, and the Board approved the minutes.

III. Discussion of Revised PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

Patrick Reagan presented an overview regarding the revised National Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM2.5 issued by EPA. The new Standard (NAAQS) is more health protective and took effect December 14, 2012. Implementation of the standard may be delayed due to a recent DC Circuit Court ruling.

After the presentation, Patrick Reagan asked if there were any questions from the Board. Tommy Thompson wanted to know how to predict PM2.5. Peter DeVries asked about the air standards in China based on China's air quality measures. Charles Wilson suggested that the Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection write an article for the local newspapers such as The Winston-Salem Journal or The Chronicle in regards to the new EPA Standards for PM2.5.

IV. Air Quality Awards Program.

Peter DeVries and the Board were asked to make a determination of whether to continue the Air Quality Awards program. Peter Lloyd stated the program has been going on for quite a long time and if the Board agrees to continue the program then it was suggested that the awards be presented at the next Board meeting in April. Peter Lloyd said that we would like to continue with the program. Tommy Thompson made the suggestion that if the department was already drafting an article to the newspapers regarding the PM2.5, then we should also include the Air Quality Awards as well and how nominations can be made for the program. Peter Lloyd stated announcements went out last year to different media outlets regarding the award nominations. Peter DeVries agreed that the program should continue. Nathan Atkinson seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Peter Lloyd mentioned the criteria that the Board has used from previous years that apply to regular Air Quality Awards and what the facilities have done to deserve them. The department will notify the Board of the sources who received a Notice of Violation (NOV) and also what the violator has done in the past. Peter Lloyd said that in 2012 we began the tiered enforcement program for compliance. Peter Lloyd asked if the Board wishes to consider the facilities who have had Notices of Deficiency (NOD's) or (NOV's) and decide if that should be a criterion. An example would be a notice of deficiency for a facility that has failed to submit a report the first time. If it's the second or third time that would constitute an NOV. Charlie Wilson suggested that whatever works to get the desired result for the facilities to receive an award, then they should be awarded. Tommy Thompson said that he believes that a facility with an NOD should be treated the same as a facility with an NOV and not receive an award. Peter DeVries concurred that this would be consistent with how the award was determined in the past. The reason(s) they did not receive an award could be explained to them.

V. New Business.

Bob Ragland spoke about Title V fees being raised by CPI. Our fees are based on what the state has for their fees. The fees are being discussed in the legislative committee. If they decide to raise their fees then our fees will be raised also. In essence, would amount to about \$3,000.00 increase for the department.

VI. Next Tentative Meeting Date:

April 16, 2013

VII. Adjournment.

Motion was made by to adjourn the meeting.

Dated: 1/16/13

W. Minor Barnette

W. Minor Barnette, Director

Approved:

Peter H. DeVries

Peter H. DeVries, Chairman