

**Minutes
Regular Meeting
of the
Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board
September 18, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board was called to order on September 18, 2013, at 10:01 a.m. in the Board Room of the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District, 850 Barret Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, by the Chairman, Dr. Robert Powell. Other Board members present were Mr. Steve Thomas, Mr. Ronald Thomas, Mr. Bill Jacob and Dr. Neville Pinto. A quorum was present.

The following Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District staff members were present: Lauren Anderson, Keith Talley Sr., Rachael Hamilton, Paul Aud, Thomas Nord, Terri Phelps, Cynthia Lee, Matt King, Steven Gravatte, Craig Butler, Josh Tennen, Kim Loechle, Emily Tyler, Diana Prentice, Shannon Hosey, Nick Hart, Hannah Byland, Dustin Gohs, Devin Cassell, and Monica Little. Also present were Assistant County Attorney Stacy Fritze Dott and County Attorney staff member Tammy Brown.

The following guests were present: Greg Brotzge, KPC; Jim Bruggers, The Courier-Journal; Tim Corrigan, GLI; Brian Deis, KFTC; Brad Dillon, Bingham Greenebaum & Doll; Barry Gottschalk, American Lung Association; Barbara Hall, Ford-KTP; Ellen Kershaw, American Lung Association; Greg Long, Ford-LAP; Emily McKinney, Frost Brown Todd; Erica Peterson, WFPL; and Paige Mosser Theriac, Theriac Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the public hearing and regular Board meeting held on August 21, 2013, were approved as written.

Staff Reports

A. Director

Ms. Anderson provided an update on the audit of the District's air monitoring section. Issues with the air monitoring program were discovered when the Kentucky Division of Air Quality (DAQ) performed a technical assistance audit in April 2013 on the District's PM_{2.5} weigh lab, data handling and quality assurance procedures. Immediately following the state's audit, staff from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4, Science and Ecosystem Support Division, performed a technical systems audit on the same aspects of the air monitoring program to confirm previous findings. In addition, the DAQ conducted a review of the District's ozone data and found a number of inconsistencies.

Ms. Anderson reported that Mayor Fischer had ordered a review of the District's operations following the PM_{2.5} and ozone technical audits. As a result, a contract was awarded to Inquest Environmental, a company based in Missouri, to conduct a thorough review of the District's internal and external air monitoring program. A representative from Inquest recently began a preliminary review of the air monitoring program. Once the independent review is finished, a comprehensive review on the remainder of the District's operations will be conducted. In the meantime, the District continues to conduct its day-to-day work, including writing permits, inspections, responding to complaints and air monitoring.

Ms. Anderson welcomed the review of the District in light of the Mayor's commitment when he took office to review all Metro Government departments. She thanked the Board and staff for their expressions of support for her and the agency.

Questions

Mr. Jacob asked if the District had implemented any of the recommendations made by the state and EPA. According to Ms. Anderson, most of the recommendations are being implemented except for those that required capital investments or hiring additional staff. Although capital investments are on hold, she said the District has a statutory obligation to have an on-road near monitoring site up and running by January 1, 2014.

Mr. Ron Thomas asked if the training recommendation specified in the audit had been completed. Ms. Anderson reported that the state had provided quality assurance training.

B. Air Quality Data

Ms. Anderson reported that there was an exceedance of PM_{2.5} and, separately, SO₂ levels continued to be elevated at the Watson Lane monitoring site.

The air quality monitoring report was submitted for filing. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

C. Enforcement Status Report

The enforcement report was submitted for filing. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

D. Excess Emission Event Report

The August 2013 Excess Emission Event Report was submitted for filing. A copy is attached to the original minutes.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Robert W. Powell, M.D.
Chairman

Rachael Hamilton
Secretary-Treasurer