

**Minutes
Public Hearing
of the
Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board**

March, 16, 2016

A public hearing of the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board was called to order on March 16, 2016, at 10:00 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.

General Statement, Rules and Purpose

The Chairman read the opening announcements, rules and purpose of the public hearing, which was to review an Agreed Board Order with Clariant Corporation.

1. Agreed Board Order with Clariant Corporation

Ms. Terri Phelps, Enforcement Supervisor, asked the Board to consider and adopt a proposed Order alleging that Clariant Corporation violated its Title V permit, and directing the company to pay an administrative penalty. The company agreed to the terms of the Order.

Clariant manufactures chemical products pursuant to a Title V operating permit, which prohibits visible emissions of oxides of Nitrogen or NOx. The company reported visible NOx emissions in violation of their permit on the following dates:

- On June 11 and June 25, 2015, Clariant reported visible emissions of NOX for 25 and 12 minutes, respectively, from a box dryer, in violation of its permit. The company made a change to its procedures to prevent reoccurrence of the problem.
- On July 29, 2015, the company reported visible NOX emissions for 50 minutes, which caused the evacuation of the facility and a HAZMAT response. The equipment involved in the event was repaired, and new procedures and training were implemented to prevent reoccurrence of the problem.
- On August 30, 2015, the company reported visible NOX emissions for 10 minutes, when a pump had failed to activate to inhibit a chemical reaction. The pump was reset.
- On October 27, 2015, the company reported visible NOX emissions for 40 minutes from a reactor. Company took corrective action, including replacement of a pump, the addition of sensors, flow meters, electronic interlocks, and current trending to the system.
- On November 2, 2015, the company reported a sixth occurrence of visible NOX emissions from a reactor for 10 minutes. Clariant replaced a thermocouple, which caused the upset, the same week.

The District assessed, and the company agreed to, an administrative penalty of \$14,250 to resolve the alleged violations.

Statements

There were no statements.

Adjourn

The public hearing adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Robert W. Powell
Chairman

Rachael Hamilton
Secretary-Treasurer