

Air Quality

February 9, 2022

11:00am-12:00pm

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. 23 attendees; 13 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

- a. Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile
 - NJ Division of Law has been communicating with the property owner
- b. Block 1 lot 1
 - No owner response to DEP this month
- c. [Camden Iron & Metal](#): Air Pollution Control Permit Construction of New Source Application, Front & Pine Streets, New Facility (Umbrella facility is EMR)
 - Permit application is under technical review
 - Back and forth with the facility, expect revised application in March from both facilities
- d. Air quality this week has been terrible in North Camden and the central waterfront
 - South wind, odor is similar to smoldering, some flames
 - Reported using DEP hotline
 - NJDEP Air compliance and enforcement has been doing routine compliance checks, nothing actionable
 - Conditions can change rapidly; want to be able to catch polluters. How?
- e. GP Gypsum permit
 - Nothing to report on this month
- f. Questions, comments, or continuing thoughts on last month's special presentations:
 - **Sustainability Ordinance**, how it is used by the planning board (Dr. Williams, Director of Planning for Camden City)
 - **LNG Train Route Plans**, new effort DRN and partners have launched opposed to [the plans](#) (Tracy Carluccio, DRN Deputy Director)

III. Air Quality

- a. NJDEP Air/Odor Complaint Report
 - The Department received a total of 6 odor complaints in Camden City since the last CCI meeting. All were investigated, none were confirmed.
 - Additionally, SRO Air enforcement staff conducted surveillance of the Camden Waterfront South area on four separate dates since the last CCI meeting with no actionable incidents observed.
 - When they come out to check, is there a specific time that they can come?
 - As quickly as possible during work hours
 - Outside of work hours, up to operator to contact them, depending on how it is reported
- b. DEP mobile app
 - When used to report incident, huge lag time
 - Best for illegal dumping

- When its immediate like smoke/ odor complaint, DEP suggests calling the WARN DEP hotline
- c. NJDEP Refresher on the [Community Corner application](#): available online to search for information on air quality permitted facilities in NJ such as:
 - Current and pending air permits
 - Major versus minor permitted facilities
 - Enforcement actions available
 - Close to real time data; updated frequently
 - Question: can the [data miner](#) can be combined with this app so that WARN DEP reports can be shown alongside permitted facilities; would be a powerful tool
 - Danny will ask about that and follow back up with this group
- d. Current Issues
 - Covanta Update:
 - Baghouse project, meeting with DEP on the 23rd to go over application questions for the meeting
 - Developing web page so people can get information on the project
 - EMR: update on January 2021 Fire Promises
 - NJDEP: “A violation with monetary penalty was issued to EMR for the fire that occurred on 1/29/21”
 - EMR still trying to challenge the fines; it is protocol to appeal
 - a. Send any questions about EMR to Stacey pierce (Stacey.Pierce@emrgroup.com) to have answered
 - EMR hosting community update meeting to hear concerns
 - a. **UPDATE:** this endeavor has been temporarily put on hold for EMR to gather the responses from community questions
 - For those that might not be aware, EMR had another out of control scrap fire in the environmental justice neighborhood of the Ironbound in Newark: <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/essex/2022/01/25/port-newark-fire-monday-night-smoke-smell-nyc-nj/9209135002/>
 - Can present same items from community meeting at the next CCI meeting?
 - a. Missy: Send follow up email to Stacey about requesting technical EMR folks at CCI
- e. Key next steps
 - CCI looking to apply for [Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Funding under the ARP](#); will coordinate with Luis Lim at NJDEP
 - Considering taking an approach which focuses on monitoring air at outdoor spaces where children gather (school yards, parks, etc.)

IV. Traffic Management

- a. Current Issues
- b. Key Next Steps

V. 2022 Air Quality Working Group Work Plan

- a. 2021 [Air Working Group Action Plan Progress Report](#): shortfalls, accomplishments, and a path forward
 - ALL CCI MEMBERS: Fill out this [Form](#)

VI. Additional Information/Resources

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Next Meeting: CCI Air Quality Working Group Meeting, March 9th at 11 am