

## **Air Quality**

August 9, 2023

1:00am-2:00pm

Hybrid: Teams and In-Person at Am. Water



### **Notes**

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions.**

##### **a. Opening Question:**

**Opening Question:** Rutgers School of Business is supporting the Air & Waste Management Association in hosting a ¾ day professional conference on Environmental Justice on Sept. 27. They are looking for a panelist for the **Youth Advocacy** panel and were hoping to include someone from who could bring Camden-specific perspective to the panel aged about 18-24. Any ideas?

- See if Ambrial Smith has connections/ a suggestion
- Consider the youth panelists from the summit
- Jon Compton could be good himself or whomever he recommends
- Tim about CCMUA mastery intern from the panel at the Summit

What we should focus on:

- Tree inventory
- Heat island issues: reducing particulates
- Worried about overgrowth/weed related issues related to climate change
- Delaware county, PA-> doing a life cycle assessment showing incinerators much more harmful than landfills
  - Want to hire same experts to do a similar study
  - Just released August 23 and can be found [here](#)
- Camden for Clean Air: submitted a letter back in late December air to DEP with concerns about process of air monitoring
  - <https://camdenforcleanair.org/pdf/DEPhearingletter.pdf>
  - Not in the realm of the air permitting (Danny)... office of environmental justice
  - The [NJDEP OPPN](#) office in charge of this
    - Can they hold a meeting to describe what rule this is and how it came to be?
      - On September 15<sup>th</sup>, CCI stakeholders and NJDEP met to dive into this topic broadly and not specific to the questions in the letter
        - Notes on that meeting can be found on the CCI website on working groups -> air
  - EJ meetings:
    - Conducted privately by the facility
    - DEP listens in
    - Comments are passed to DEP to make sure they adequately address the issues
    - Driven by [EJ rule of NJ](#) (new in 2022)
  - Mike Ewell of Camden for clean air wants DEP response in writing
    - Mike received response on September 15<sup>th</sup> via letter in email

#### **II. Opening Discussion**

- a. Cooper medica school applying for an air monitoring grant
- b. Rutgers Air Quality Monitoring Program, Jackie Santiago
  - Follow up for more info
  - Rowan air monitoring program
    - Working with Luis Lim
    - They have purple air monitors
- c. Grant: [https://www.njstatelib.org/services\\_for\\_libraries/grant-opportunities/community-center-digital-connect/](https://www.njstatelib.org/services_for_libraries/grant-opportunities/community-center-digital-connect/)
  - Grants up to 3 million are possible.
  - Eligible activities: Projects to **construct or improve** (1) full-service community schools, (2) libraries, or (3) community health centers
    - That provide a comprehensive academic program; health monitoring; and workforce training or career counseling
    - That provide public access to the internet for work, education, and health monitoring
    - Provide a broad range of services to the communities they serve (job counseling, education, etc.)
  - **Carnegie library:** assistant councilman Collins working to develop this site into a STEAM/ STEM center
    - Reach out to his office (to do)

### III. Today's Focus: Air Quality and Permitting in Camden, back to basics

- a. NJDEP Air Quality/ Odor Report:
  - No citizen odor or smoke complaints were received by the NJDEP in Camden City since the last meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Camden Waterfront South Surveillance conducted 4 times with no actionable observations.
- b. NJDEP Permit updates
  - Both pending permits for piles:
    - Camden Iron and Metal: Pine St. Delaware pier site
      - a. A few permits pending reviews
        - i. Shredder
        - ii. Piles movement
      - b. Once there is a draft permit available, it will be shared with the group
    - EMR: front and Atlantic Ave.
    - Have to wait until EJ process is completed to move forward with permitting process
  - GP Gypsum permit
    - Nothing new
  - Non-liquid waste permit for Covanta
    - Nothing new
    - Todd: working on comments from public hearing in response to the NJDEP Solid Waste Department's Technical Notice of Deficiency letter dated April 11, 2023 (13 points of deficiencies)
      - a. Comments completed and went over format
      - b. Just this morning, sent them to be translated

- c. As of 8/14/23, the responses from Covanta were posted publicly [here](#)

#### **IV. Additional Information/Resources**

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*Next Meeting: All Working Group Meeting, September 13<sup>th</sup> 10 am-12 pm location TBD*