

Air Quality

October 12, 2022

11:00am-12:00pm

Zoom



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Notes

I. Welcome and Opening Discussion

- a. 19 attendees; 6 Camden residents/businesses
- b. Discussion topic: Air Quality landing page review for feedback
 - Website created for the proposed signs to go around air quality monitors (see August's Air Working Group notes)
 - Take away all caps
 - Move report button to top
 - Extract some language from EPA resources on AQI
 - 1-877-WARNDEP... add number written out too: 1-877-927-6337
 - Update of the CCI website in general- more cohesion

II. Hot Topics

- a. Ongoing issues:
 - Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
 - Waste classification of the bigger piles; timeline is to get rid of these piles by Fall of 2023 then remediation/ env. assessment of remaining property
 - a. Continuum of solicitations for big pile, segregating northern lot from southern lot because they are so big
 - CRA awarding for removal on two smaller lots; will be awarded for contract start date in Q1 2023
 - Community meeting later this year to talk about what's going on and provide schedule for what is going on and get their feedback
 - a. Tentative meeting, will meet before soil is moved
 - Block 1 lot 1: CRA/City, NJDEP
 - Owner non-cooperative
 - Frank will reach out to enforcement folks to see when NJDEP will act
 - TPL working with county to understand how to preserve space for public access
 - a. Found that a colleague is friends with this person's attorney
 - EMR to follow the letter of the Solid Waste Act
 - No updates, in conversations with state and local officials
 - a. EMR's hope that it is not changed
 - b. Litigations complicating EMR's ability to report out
- b. Open Permits:
 - Camden Iron & Metal: Front & Pine Streets (Umbrella facility is EMR)
 - Started drafting permit
 - Will have public comment period, may be in person or not
 - GP Gypsum permit
 - Formalizing removal process of sources from permit
 - One application withdrawn
 - New permit timeline- before end of year

III. Air Quality

- a. NJDEP Air/Odor Complaint Report, James S. Scarvalli: Manager, NJDEP Southern Regional Office Air Compliance & Enforcement
 - Aug 12- Sept 9:
 - Three complaints were received, one of which resulted in a violation
 - Camden City Waterfront South Surveillance was conducted five times resulting in one violation.
 - Violations found at State Metals; enforcement action pending, enforcement documents will be public once they are issued
 - Sept 9-Oct 10:
 - Two citizen odor complaints were received. None were actionable.
 - Routine Camden Waterfront surveillance was conducted four times with no actionable incidents noted.
 - Will Davis can share video concerning the reported activity on Ferry Ave.
 - Disposing of dust with leaf blower, sending dust down ferry ad 3rd st.
- b. Current Issues
 - EMR Fire 2/28/22: community meeting
 - Did a public hearing a while back; hoping to host community meeting
 - Litigation making community meeting difficult
 - Half of the questions answered from the 20 they were given
 - a. Unable to share these answers
 - Covanta Updates: Baghouse and Community Benefits Agreement
 - Solid waste permit submitted on Oct 1 to NJDEP, references to air quality control permit
 - a. EJ hearing scheduled for Dec 8
 - b. <https://info.covanta.com/cgi>
 - c. Community benefit agreement executed by city of Camden
 - i. Signing at Fall Sustainability Festival (10/15)
 - ii. Will post the executed document
- c. Key next steps

IV. Traffic Management

- a. Current Issues
- b. Key Next Steps

V. Additional Information/Resources

- a. CCI Summit moving to Spring 2023
- b. In-person end of year CCI celebration 12/14

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