

## **Air Quality**

July 13, 2022

11:00am-12:00pm

Zoom



### **Notes**

#### **I.**

##### **Welcome and Opening Discussion**

- a. 18 attendees; 7 Camden residents/businesses
- b. Discussion topic: How to re-energize use of NJDEP/ Purple Air Monitoring sites and encourage residents to report odors
  - There are 3 purple air monitors in Camden, displaying real time air quality (particulate matter) [online](#)
  - We could reach out to social media influencers to see if they can help. People inside and of the community are in a better position to talk to other Camden residents, rather than outsiders/CCI members
  - We could borrow the outreach methods / piggyback on the Connect the Lots outreach program and events- door to door, mailing, fliers, etc.
  - Word of mouth: interns, powercorps, etc.
  - “help your life” messaging to get attention in a serious
  - We could do another round of “[Clear the Air](#)”- Ben Saracco/ Rowan community education project
  - It would worth reaching out to local CDCs and faith-based organizations. Ask attendees of those meetings (community members) if they would like to participate. S. Pierce (EMR rep) believes she can get some of her neighbors to participate.
  - Get more sensors and get people more familiar with them.
    - The more monitors there are, the more you can aggregate the data and get a clearer picture. The way these sensors work, the data is pretty noisy/messy and not calibrated. The more of them there are, the more the noise in the data cancels out.
    - Camden needs more purple sensors, better to understand how the air pollution is distributed in the city
    - “Learn what they are stations”- qr code to learn more, phone number,

#### **II.**

##### **Hot Topics**

- a. Questions/ comments on CCMUA’s Envirosuite presentation, Covanta’s Baghouse Project Presentation, [Solar Landscape](#)’s community solar Presentation from last month
- b. Ongoing issue sites:
  - Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
    - Final MOU between City, CRA, State, and County close to agreement
  - Block 1 lot 1: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
    - Owner belatedly stating he’ll submit reports to DEP
- c. Open Permits:
  - Camden Iron & Metal: Air Pollution Control Permit Construction of New Source Application, Front & Pine Streets, New Facility (Umbrella facility is EMR)
    - Permit pending review

- GP Gypsum permit
  - Conversation with GP, under technical review
- Covanta
  - Air Quality Permit application submitted to NJDEP on 7/8/2022 (copy can be downloaded from Covanta's Website)
  - Covanta has gone live with [website](#) describing the Air Quality Control project. The web site includes presentation, FAQ's, project updates, permit applications, etc.
  - City of Camden passed resolution for support of Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) and processing non-hazardous liquid waste on 7/12/22

### III. Air Quality

- a. NJDEP Air/Odor Complaint Report
  - James S. Scarvalli: Manager, NJDEP Southern Regional Office Air Compliance & Enforcement
    - No complaints received by the Department regarding odors/ smoke/ dust in Camden since last meeting; routine Waterfront South surveillance has not resulted in actionable activities
    - Need to get residents reporting more
- b. Current Issues
  - EMR Fire 2/28/22: community meeting
    - Community meeting (yet to be scheduled) committed to for open forum for residents to speak to EMR about the issue
    - Information about the fire publicly available via Courier Post article
    - Improvements for EMR coming down the line
  - -CCMUA: Has held discussion with local community members to understand odor issues. Asked for input from community members on the call. Will and Angel report that the odors are basically constant, either every day or every other day.
- c. Key next steps
  - Combining [Community Corner application](#) with NJDEP [data miner](#)

### IV. Traffic Management

- a. Current Issues
- b. Key Next Steps

### V. Additional Information/Resources

- a. The [EJ Rule proposal](#) is open to public comment. Submit comments [here](#).

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*Next Meeting: CCI Air Quality Working Group Meeting, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am*