

**AIR RESOURCES COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING #254
08/13/18**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Duval, Elizabeth Tillotson, Deborah Chabot, Georgia Murray, Kris Blomback

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Vice-Chairman David Collins, J. Ryan Bielagus, Mark Lambert

NHDES – ARD PERSONNEL: Craig Wright, Mike Fitzgerald, Evan Mulholland, Catherine Beahm, Gary Milbury

OTHERS PRESENT: Shelley Marshall, and Appeals Clerk, Paula Scott

**MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC PRESENT:** John Tuthill, Jane Ingram

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman David Collins called Meeting #254 of the Air Resources Council (ARC) to order at 9:10 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018. Chairman Robert Duval announced that a quorum of the ARC was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Deborah Chabot entered a motion to accept the minutes of meeting #253. Georgia Murray seconded the motion.

Division Activities and Legislative Update:

Chairman Robert Duval introduced Craig Wright, Director of the Air Resources Division (ARD). Director Wright briefly updated members of the ARC regarding issues relative to the ARD, including:

Permitting:

Director Wright reported on the following:

1. Hitchiner Manufacturing Expansion Project: During the ARC meeting we had on June 11, 2018 ARD discussed the upcoming public hearing on the draft Temporary Permit for the proposed expansion of the investment casting operations at Hitchiner Manufacturing in Milford. No written comments were received, and no testimony was provided at the public hearing. The Temporary Permit was issued on June 22, ²⁰¹⁸. According to the company, this expansion is expected to add approximately 80 new manufacturing jobs. Director Craig Wright wanted to give a special recognition to ARD employees Lisa Landry and Sheila Rydel for their exceptional work in meeting the expedited permit schedule.

2. Environmental Health Section - PFAS: DES has contracted with Dr. Stephen M. Roberts, PhD, to assist with the review and evaluation of the recently released draft ATSDR Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Toxicological Profiles. Dr. Roberts is the Director of the Center for Environmental & Human Toxicology at the University of Florida. He also serves as an Advisor to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on issues pertaining to toxicology and risk assessment. Dr. Roberts has been asked to review the draft ATSDR profiles and to provide an analysis of how the minimum risk levels (MRL) within the report relate to drinking water and groundwater standards, and how the information can inform the development of appropriate drinking water concentration guidelines that are protective of public health for the four compounds addressed.
3. Additionally, the Permitting & Environmental Health Bureau has posted full-time Toxicologist and Health Risk Assessor positions to assist with developing drinking water standards for the following PFAS chemicals: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), and perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS). Pursuant to SB 309 (also known as HB 1101), which was recently signed into law by Governor Sununu, the Department is required to initiate rulemaking for these compounds by January 1, 2019.
4. Legislative Budget Audit: As a follow up to the LBA Audit of the Air Permitting and Compliance Programs, ARD is drafting an action plan to address the observations contained in the Audit Report.

Status of Appeals

Paula Scott, Appeals Clerk briefly updated members of the two recent appeals to ARD, including:

Docket No. 18-01 ARC – Jane Marie Ingram Appeal

- Pre-hearing Order was issued scheduling hearing for August 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. July 12, 2018 received DES received a witness and Exhibit list. Hearing is scheduled for today immediately following this ARC meeting.

Docket No. 18-02 ARC- Anthony Caplin, et al Appeal

- On July 16, 2018, DES received Objection to Motions to Dismiss, the Hearings officer will make final rule.

Rules:

None

Karla McManus, Planning and Rules Manager

Compliance Update:

None

Evan Mulholland, Administrator IV ARD Compliance Bureau.

New Business

None

Other Business

None

Public Commentary

John Tuthill from Acworth NH stated that he and others are reviewing the Wheelabrator in Concord in the 2017 Emissions report and expressed their concerns with the spikes in heavy metal issues.

Adjourn

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Robert Duval suggested a motion to adjourn, moved by Kris Nils Blomback and, seconded by Elizabeth Tillotson. All were in favor. Meeting #254 of the Air Resources Council adjourned at 9:22 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018.