

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 22, 2011
MINUTES

Chairman Vander Pluym convened the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

I. Director's Report

Mike Villegas, APCO, stated that the South Coast Air Quality Management District was operating three radiation monitoring sites on behalf of the U.S. EPA. The closest site to Ventura County is in Los Angeles. To date, none of the California radiation monitoring sites has recorded levels above background. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, radiation from the damaged nuclear plant in Japan is not expected to impact public health in the United States.

II. Call to Order

Chairman Vander Pluym called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m.

III. Roll Call

Present

Raymond Garcia

Sara Head

Michael Kuhn

Kim Lim

Marleen Luckman

Hugh McTernan

Keith Moore

David Morse

James Tovias

Duane Vander Pluym

Steven Wolfson

Absent

Todd Gernheuser (excused)

Stephen Garfield (excused)

Greg Patterson (excused)

Ron Peterson (excused)

Aaron Hanson

Staff

Mike Villegas

Keith Duval

Stan Cowen

Public

Robert Cole

Brandon Millan

Self

Self

John Beck

VC Star

IV. Minutes

The minutes of the February 22, 2011, meeting were approved as drafted.

V. Committee Comment

There was no Committee comment.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. New Business

A. Proposed Revisions to Rules 74.19, Graphic Arts

Stan Cowen of District staff gave an overview of the main points of the proposed amendments:

- The rule will have more stringent ROC limits for solvent cleaners and fountain solutions. The new ROC limits for solvent cleaners will be expressed as grams per liter; replacing the existing vapor pressure limits.
- The proposed rule amendments are based on existing rules from the Bay Area AQMD, South Coast AQMD, San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD, and the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD.
- New exemptions for proof presses and aerosol coatings are being proposed.
- The proposed rule amendments are projected to achieve approximated 50 tons per year in emission reductions, based on permitted emissions. Ninety five percent of the emission reductions will come from the new solvent cleaner requirements.
- There are 32 facilities in Ventura County subject to Rule 74.19.
- The Bay Area AQMD estimated cost effectiveness for the new solvent cleaner requirements at an average of \$0.17 per pound of ROC reduced.

Committee member Morse asked if laser jet or ink jet printing was subject to Rule 74.19. Mr. Cowen stated they were not subject to the rule. South Coast AQMD is looking at the feasibility of regulating ink jet printing.

Committee member Morse asked if the proposed deletion of subsection D.6 would make it more difficult to enforce the rule. Mr. Cowen replied no it would not, as the situation was covered pursuant to subsection D.4.

Committee member Moore asked how the estimate of the 50 tons per year emission reduction was calculated. Keith Duval responded that the estimate is based on solvent use records from the permitted facilities. Then the ROC content of the solvents in pounds per gallon is used to establish the estimate.

Committee member Moore asked how a permit holder would increase production. Keith Duval replied that they would need to submit an application to increase permitted emissions and provide emission offsets if required. Mike Villegas stated with the lower ROC content solvents fewer offsets would need to be provided.

Committee member Tovias stated that he was concerned that California was over regulated and that new regulations should be put on hold until the economy improves.

Committee member Wolfson asked how the 200 pound per day exemption level was set. Keith Duval stated that it was a historical number that allowed very small operators to be exempt, but required larger operators to comply. Committee member Wolfson asked if staff felt the level was still appropriate. Keith Duval stated it still seemed appropriate.

Committee member Wolfson asked is complying solvents were available locally. Stan Cowen replied yes.

John Beck, of the Ventura County Star, stated they were willing to comply to help improve air quality, but these emission reductions come at a cost to industry.

It was moved (Head) and seconded (Luckman) to recommend adoption of amended Rule 74.19, as proposed by staff. The motion passed with a vote of 10 yes and 1 no.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Prepared by:



Mike Villegas

Air Pollution Control District Staff