

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
January 4, 2018 at 3:00 PM
Southwest Clean Air Agency
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Vancouver, Washington

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
SWCAA Chair Don Jensen
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
SWCAA Chair Don Jensen
- III. Board of Directors Minutes
Board of Directors Minutes – November Meeting
- IV. Changes to the Agenda
SWCAA Chair Don Jensen
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Vouchers
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Monthly Activity Report
- VI. Info Items & Public Comment
 - A. Info Item- NASA Goddard’s Video on Particulate Air Pollutants
 - B. Info Item- Citizen Air Monitoring
- VII. Public Hearing
None
- VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business
None
- IX. Control Officer Report
 - A. **Study Finds Connection Between Fine Particulates and Birth Defects (December 11, 2017)** – A study from researchers based at the University of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital has found an increased risk of birth defects for mothers who are exposed to fine particulates (PM2.5) around the time of conception. The study estimated PM2.5 exposure levels from two months prior to conception through the first two months of pregnancy by correlating PM2.5 data collected from 57 monitoring stations throughout Ohio with the residential addresses of new mothers. The researchers found the highest defect risks

for exposures occurring between one month prior to and one month after conception. The study, entitled Periconception Exposure to Air Pollution and Risk of Congenital Malformations, was published in the Journal of Pediatrics. For further information: http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Periconception_PM_Exposure_Study_Dec_2017.pdf

B. State AGs, Environmental and Public Health Groups Sue EPA for Failure to Designate All Areas Under 2015 Ozone NAAQS (December 4 & 5, 2017) – In separate complaints, 15 state attorneys general (AGs) and 10 environmental and public health groups asked the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California to compel EPA to fulfill its statutory obligation to designate all areas of the country under the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards promulgated on October 1, 2015. The Clean Air Act requires that EPA make final area designations within two years following promulgation of new NAAQS unless it determines that there is inadequate data to do so. EPA, however, missed the October 1, 2017 designations deadline and subsequently designated a subset of areas last month; all of those areas were deemed by EPA to be attainment/unclassifiable. In their complaint, the state AGs note that more than two years after the 2015 ozone NAAQS were established EPA has yet to designate all areas of the country. For further information:

http://4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/resources/Litigation-Ozone_DesigsStates_Complaint-120517.pdf and http://4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/resources/Litigation-Ozone_DesigsEnviro_Complaint-120417.pdf

C. Senate Approves William Wehrum to Be Nation’s Top Air Official (November 9, 2017) – The U.S. Senate voted, 49 to 47, to confirm William Wehrum as Assistant Administrator (AA) of EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation (OAR). Wehrum was most recently an attorney with Hunton & Williams in Washington, DC and previously served for two years as acting AA of EPA OAR in the George W. Bush administration. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on Wehrum’s nomination on October 4, 2017. For further information:

<https://www.congress.gov/nomination/115thcongress/994?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22calendar+407%5C%22%22%5D%7D&r=1> and <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=37CC8314-16F14D4F-9A26-297EF3D8E49D>

D. EPA Administrator Signs NRPM to Repeal Emission Requirements for Gliders (November 9, 2017) – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to repeal the emission requirements for glider vehicles, glider engines and glider kits included in the October 2016 final Phase 2 truck rule. According to EPA, this action is “based on a proposed interpretation of the Clean Air Act (CAA) under which glider vehicles would be found not to constitute ‘new motor vehicles’ within the meaning of CAA section 216(3), glider engines would be found not to constitute ‘new motor vehicle engines’ within the meaning of CAA section 216(3), and glider kits would not be treated as ‘incomplete’ new motor vehicles. Under this proposed interpretation, EPA would lack authority to regulate glider vehicles, glider engines, and glider kits under section 202(a)(1).” The agency notes in the NPRM that “[t]his proposed interpretation is a departure from the position taken by EPA in the Phase 2 rule. There, EPA interpreted the statutory definitions of ‘new motor vehicle’ and ‘new motor vehicle engines’ in CAA section 216(3) as including glider vehicles and glider engines, respectively. The proposed interpretation also departs from EPA’s position in the Phase 2 rule

that CAA section (202)(a)(1) authorizes the Agency to treat gliders kits as ‘incomplete’ new motor vehicles.” A glider vehicle is made from a glider kit, which includes the entire tractor chassis, cab, tires, body and brakes, into which a used powertrain (the engine, transmission and, usually, rear axle) is installed. EPA will hold a public hearing on the proposal to repeal the glider requirements on December 4, 2017. The deadline for public comments is January 5, 2018. For further information: <https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/proposed-rule-repeal-emission-requirements-glider>

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues

As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings

- A. Board Officer Elections
- B. Asbestos Rulemaking

XII. Adjournment

Notes:

- (1) Served by C-TRAN Routes: 7, 72 and 76.
- (2) Accommodation of the needs for disabled persons can be made upon request. For more information, please call (360) 574-3058 extension 110.