

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 7, 2019 at 3:00 PM  
Southwest Clean Air Agency  
11815 NE 99th St. Suite 1294  
Vancouver, Washington

Optional Conference Call Number for Board of Directors 1-800-356-8278 Code: 576617

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 - January 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  
Compensation Study Presentation – Pontifex Consulting Group
- VII. Public Hearing  
None
- VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business  
None
- IX. Control Officer Report
  - A. **EIA Predicts Renewables Will Lead U.S. Generation Growth for Next Two Years (January 18, 2019)** – The U.S. Department of Energy’s Energy Information Administration (EIA) predicts in its latest Short-Term Energy Outlook that renewable energy resources will be the fastest growing source of new generation capacity for the next two years. EIA anticipates that solar generation capacity will grow by 10 percent in 2019 and 17 percent in 2020. Wind generation is expected to grow by 12 and 14 percent over the same timeframes. The projected trend contrasts with 2018 power sector data where natural gas growth dominated all other sources of new generation. In 2018, natural gas fueled the

largest share of generation at 35 percent and was followed by coal at 28 percent. EIA estimates that wind and solar combined will account for 13 percent of total U.S. generation in 2020 if the projected 2019 and 2020 increases materialize. For further information: <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=38053&src=email>

**B. Fiat Chrysler to Pay Over \$380 Million in Civil Penalties for Use of Diesel Vehicle Defeat Devices (January 10, 2019)** – The federal government and California announced a joint settlement to resolve allegations that Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. and related companies (FCA) installed defeat devices that allowed vehicles to circumvent emissions testing. The affected vehicles are 100,000 model year 2014-2016 diesel Jeep Grand Cherokees and Dodge Ram 1500s nationwide. The settlement calls for FCA to pay approximately \$305 million. In a separate class-action suit with nine states including Washington, FCA agreed to pay \$72.5 million in civil penalties. In addition to the payment of civil penalties the settlement requires, among other things, that FCA implement a recall-and-repair program to remove all defeat devices from affected vehicles and replace the vehicle software so that it complies with EPA and California emission standards; FCA must repair at least 85 percent of the vehicles within two years or face additional penalties. FCA must also implement a federal mitigation program to offset the environmental impacts of the defeat-device-equipped vehicles. For further information:, <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/civil-settlements-united-states-and-californiafiat-chrysler-settle-allegations> and <https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/attorneygeneral-james-announces-landmark-multistate-settlements-fiat-chrysler-and>

**C. President Formally Nominates Andrew Wheeler as Next EPA Administrator (January 9, 2018)** – President Trump officially nominated Andrew Wheeler to be the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Wheeler’s formal appointment to the position requires confirmation by the Senate. The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing on the nomination on January 16, 2019. Wheeler was previously confirmed as Deputy EPA Administrator in April 2018. On July 9, 2018, he became Acting Administrator following the resignation of Scott Pruitt. President Trump announced his intent to nominate Wheeler as Administrator on November 16. Wheeler previously worked as a lobbyist for various energy and mining interests at Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting. He was also a longtime aide to Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and chief counsel for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. He served in EPA’s Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics from 1991 to 1995. For further information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidentialactions/six-nominations-sent-senate-2/> and <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2019/1/hearing-on-the-nominationof-andrew-wheeler-to-be-administrator-of-the-environmental-protection-agency>

**D. EPA Proposes Withdrawal of MATS “Appropriate and Necessary” Finding and Establishment of RTR (December 27, 2018)** – EPA issued a proposed revised Supplemental Cost Finding for the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) that includes changes to the valuation of co-benefits (e.g., particulate matter) in its cost-benefit analysis. Based on the changes in its analysis, EPA is proposing to withdraw the finding that it was “appropriate and necessary” to regulate emissions of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from coal- and oil-fired power plants under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act. Although this finding was the underpinning of the establishment of MATS, EPA is not proposing to delist the source category or to rescind MATS itself at this time. However,

EPA is soliciting comment on whether the agency has the authority or obligation to remove coal and oil-fired power plants from the list of affected source categories and rescind MATS. For further information: <https://www.epa.gov/mats/proposedrevised-supplemental-finding-and-results-residual-risk-and-technology-review> , <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-proposal-revise-mats-supplemental-cost-finding-and-risk-and-technology> and <https://www.epa.gov/mats>.

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues

As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings

None

XII. Adjourn

Notes:

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*(2) Accommodation of the needs for disabled persons can be made upon request. For more information, please call (360) 574-3058 extension 110.*