Minutes
Environmental Protection Committee
Conference Call
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA  30334

March 24, 2020

Attendees:

Committee Members
Ray Lambert, Chair
Dwight Evans, Vice Chair
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Dee Yancey
Nancy Addison, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Staff Members
Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Josh Hildebrandt
Cathy Barnette
Steve Friedman
Tina Johannsen
Richie Golden
Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Karen Hays

Board Members
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Miki Thomaston

Guests
Ronny Just, GA Power
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council
Leah Dixon, GA Conservancy
The March 24, 2020 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chair Nancy Addison.

Chair Nancy Addison called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Lambert called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1.

Ms. Hays stated the EPD regularly updates rules to incorporate changes to US EPA rules, incorporate new US EPA rules, address US EPA comments on proposed SIP revisions, update references to the most current document and remove obsolete requirements. She further stated the key changes in the rule update are updating the definition of “Pollution control project,” revise the Georgia PSD rule, update the New Source Performance Standards and National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, and update the “Permit Exemptions” rule to match the changes to the definition of “Pollution control project.” She added these updates will make the rules consistent with federal requirements.

Ms. Hays stated the 30-day public comment period for the proposed amendments will take place between April and May of 2020. She further stated the public hearing will be scheduled during the public comment period. She added if no changes to the proposed rule packet are needed, she will request action at the June meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.