

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chair
Nancy Addison
Nick Ayers
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Patrick Denney
Rob Leebern
Bodine Sinyard
Dee Yancey
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Randy Dellinger
Duncan Johnson
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Paul Shailendra
Gary Vowell

Guests

Deborah Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition
Max A. Brown, Sierra Club
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Jennifer Fennell, Jackson EMC
Drew Kann, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Dave Crass, Department of Community Affairs
Dominic LaRiccia, State Representative, District 169
Ronny Just, Georgia Power

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Donald Kirkland
Cathy Barnette
Artica Gaston
Alexandrea Solomon
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Ted Will
Doug Haymans

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Anna Truszczynski
Laura Williams

The March 22, 2022 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Bill Jones.

Chairman Jones called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Lambert called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20.

Ms. Hays stated Georgia's Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Program covers gasoline-powered passenger vehicles registered in the 13-county Atlanta Metropolitan Area and is required by the Clean Air Act Amendments for areas that were moderate or higher nonattainment areas for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. She further stated the rules are being amended to include updates to reflect the widespread use of on-board diagnostic systems, remove outdated Acceleration Simulation Mode requirements for older cars no longer subject to emission inspection requirements, and update terminology.

Ms. Hays stated after briefing the Environmental Protection Committee at the October 26, 2021 meeting, there was a public hearing on January 24, 2022. She further stated there was a public comment period ending on January 31, 2022, where no comments were received.

Ms. Hays requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Sinyard, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20.

Mr. Lambert asked Ms. Hays to continue with Item B, Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17.

Ms. Hays stated the Rules are periodically amended to address requirements of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for Agreement States, which are required to ensure the Rules meet the compatibility and health and safety categories established by the NRC. She further stated the Rules are being amended to incorporate rules updates published in 2020 by the NRC. She added the updates include adding NRC's Regulation Amendment Tracking System references and removing references to Georgia administrating Industrial Radiographer exams and issuing certification ID cards.

Ms. Hays stated after briefing the Environmental Protection Committee at the October 26, 2021 meeting, there was a public comment meeting on January 24, 2022. She further stated

there was a public comment period ending on January 31, 2022, where one comment was received in support of the proposed amendments.

Ms. Hays requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mrs. Addison, seconded by Mr. Yancey, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.