

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

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chair
Bodine Sinyard, Vice Chair
Nancy Addison
Jeff Andrews
Patrick Denney
Dan Garcia
Penn Hodge
Steve Hufstetler
Duncan Johnson
Lesley Reynolds
Paul Shailendra
Joe Hatfield, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Randy Dellinger
Mark Hennessy
Brent Layton
Gary Vowell
Harley Yancey

Guests

Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Scott Hendricks, Georgia Power
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Agriculture Council
Debbie Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition
R. J. Gipaya, Flint Riverkeeper

Staff Members

Walter Rabon, Commissioner
Thomas Barnard
Taylor Brown Fisher
Cathy Barnette
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Mike England
Doug Haymans
Angie Johnson
Ted Will
Brent Womack
Clint Peacock
Scott Robinson
GWFC David Wright

Jeff Cown, Director
James Boylan
Chuck Mueller
Anna Truszczynski
Katie Hegarty

The June 25, 2024 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Hatfield.

Chairman Hatfield called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Lambert called on James Boylan, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present action on Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1 pertaining miscellaneous rules.

Mr. Boylan stated that EPD regularly updates rules to incorporate changes to U.S. EPA rules, incorporate new U.S. EPA rules, update references to the most current document, and remove obsolete requirements.

Mr. Boylan stated that the key changes are updates to the definition of “Volatile organic compound”, updates to certain New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), which are technology-based standards that limit criteria air pollutant emissions from new sources in specific source categories, and updates to certain Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, which are control technology requirements that limit hazardous air pollutant emissions from sources in specific source categories. He further stated there are updates to the Cross State Air Pollution Rules to add the latest amendment dates and to update the new unit set-asides, including the NOx Annual Trading Program (decrease the new unit set-aside), the SO2 Annual Trading Program (increase the new unit set-aside), and the NOx Ozone Season Trading Program (increase the new unit set-aside).

Mr. Boylan stated that he briefed the Environmental Committee of the DNR Board at the March 2024 meeting. There was a public hearing on May 2, 2024, and the public comment period closed on May 9, 2024. He further stated that there were not verbal or written public comments.

Mr. Boylan requested a favorable consideration.

Chairman Hatfield asked the question, are these just cleanup rules? Mr. Boylan responded, that is correct.

A motion was made by Ms. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Addison, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.