

**Advisory Council Minutes
December 11, 2014
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency**

Members Present:

Kevin Miller, Fire Protection
Chester Jahns, Jr., Agriculture
Raymond, Byrne, Public Health
Adriane Borgias, Environmental

Staff Present:

Julie Oliver, Director
Matt Holmquist, Compliance Administrator
Russ Nuemiller, Air Quality Specialist II
Margee Chambers, Public Information
Debbie Riley, Secretary II

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Approval of the October 23, 2014 Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum the October 23, 2014 minutes were not approved.

2. Asbestos Fee Schedule Revisions – Russ Neumiller

Russ gave an overview of the potential Asbestos Fee Schedule Revisions to reduce the owner-occupied, single-family residence notification fee for demolition and possible opportunity to reduce some of the other asbestos fees as well. Russ asked the Advisory Council for input before the proposal is presented to the Board on January 8, 2015.

The general consensus from the Advisory Council is to present to the Board, a revised option of a 20% program fund balance at the end of five years. The program budget will be reviewed annually to ensure it mains at full cost recovery. If the Board concurs with the proposal at the Board meeting, a public notice will be sent out for a public comment period.

3. Enforcement Overview – Matt Holmquist

Matt gave a brief overview of the Enforcement Program. SRCAA promotes voluntary compliance utilizing compliance assistance and education outreach. SRCAA also uses verbal warnings, written warnings and Notices of Violation (NOV's) to achieve compliance. Internal

enforcement guidance is used to help maintain consistency in determining which compliance issues result in a Notice of Violation. Board adopted penalty worksheets are used to calculate recommended penalties for NOVs. Partial suspensions are most common with first-time NOV's; when the recommended penalty seems excessive for the violation; or when it will make the penalty more defensible. Many penalties are reduced in response to a mitigation request. Only ten NOV's have gone to hearing before the PCHB in the past twenty years. Written warnings attribute to the decline in NOV's. SRCAA offers many suspensions or payment plans for assessed penalties and occasionally civil penalty recipients request mitigation. In some cases an appeal is filed. Matt asked the Advisory Council for any suggestions to improve or clarify the presentation.

- An Advisory Council suggested adding an "effectiveness" category for warnings and violation to the graphs that Matt presented and adding it to our website.

4. Marijuana Update – Margee Chambers

Margee gave a Marijuana update. Margee sends an informational packet to all producers and/or processors who have received a new license from the Liquor Control Board. Spokane County has sixty licensed marijuana growers and producers. SRCAA's main involvement is odor related issues. Marijuana producers and processors are required to comply with state and local air regulations prohibiting nuisance odors. If odor control equipment is needed at a facility, an approved NOC may be required from Spokane Clean Air. An inspector and an engineer from SRCAA have visited several new sites. There have been thirteen marijuana producer and or processor complaints to date. One violation has been issued for an odor related issue. Margee and staff continue to meet with various city and county agencies about marijuana issues related to marijuana producing and processing.

5. State Implementation Plan Work Update – Julie

Julie gave a brief update on the State Implementation Plan work. Julie presented the State Implementation Plan to the Board. Direction from the Board is to go forth explore creating a position and what the cost would be. The agency has been working on a draft job description and salary. The agency is also exploring different options such as bringing someone back temporarily or contracting out to get the ten year maintenance plans done that are due this summer. Internally the Solid Fuel Burning Device aspect Margee is the lead person working on it with the help of Matt and Julie. April will be working on the New Source Review with Brandy and Julie assisting her.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 A.M.

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015 in Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency's office located at 3104 E. Augusta Ave.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

JULIE OLIVER, DIRECTOR