Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Office of Air
Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee
August 16, 2024
Meeting held online and by phone
10:06 A.M. – 10:16 A.M.

Minutes

Opening Remarks

Bob Adair called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

The following Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee (Committee) members were present: Bob Adair, Charles Allred, Michelle Carder, Lloyd Graham, Adam Haynes, Justin Hyland, Hugh Landrum, Martha Landwehr, Bill Longley, Greg Maxim, and Dr. Cyrus Reed. Quorum was met.

Bob Adair re-stated the public comment policy. No action was taken.

Bob Adair asked for comments from Committee members.

Update from TCEQ staff regarding new pending EPA rules for methane for oil and gas facilities, coal combustion residue, and other property

Elizabeth Sartain with TCEQ stated under the methane rule, new, reconstructed, and modified sources are required to comply as of May 7, 2024. TCEQ is planning to pursue a plan under section 111(d) of the federal Clean Air Act for submittal to EPA for existing sources under OOOOc, which is due to EPA by March 2026.

Dr. Cyrus Reed asked if TCEQ will have sufficient staff to develop the state's plan for the methane controls, or if TCEQ will ask for additional staff as part of their legislative appropriation request.

Elizabeth Sartain stated she will reach out to her contact and get back to the committee with an answer.

Dr. Cyrus Reed mentioned the rule is being contested in court by the State of Texas and asked if the committee will be apprised of any updates in the litigation.

Elizabeth Sartain confirmed the committee will be updated, and that she was not aware of any current movement in the litigation.

Update on filling Advisory Committee vacancy

Melissa Altman with TCEQ stated nominations are currently going through the routing process and the TCEQ Commission meeting when the nominations will be considered has been updated from October 23, 2024, to October 25, 2024.

Old business

No old business was discussed.

New business

Dr. Cyrus Reed stated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has lowered the particulate matter 2.5 standard and asked if there were any additional pieces of pollution control equipment that would help people as they apply under the new standard.

Elizabeth Sartain stated that while it is too early to tell, she believes the current Tier I Table will be sufficient and that TCEQ has not received any new Tier II or Tier III applications for property used to meet requirements under the new standard.

Adam Haynes asked TCEQ if there are any changes that we need or want to make during the 89th legislative session.

Elizabeth Sartain stated she is not aware of any recommendations TCEQ might have for the Prop 2 Program, but that TCEQ staff will monitor bills that may be filed.

Bob Adair reminded the committee the next meeting is November 8, 2024, and to let him know if there are any items that anyone would like to have added to the agenda.

Other comments from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Maxim with a second from Dr. Cyrus Reed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.