

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
City of Jacksonville
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Air Odor and Noise Committee Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Michelle Tappouni

Members Not Present:

Tony Bellamy, P.E., Chair

Staff/Resources Present:

Scott Trebatoski, Acting Division Chief
James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Cherry Shaw, OGC
Steve Pace, P.E., Environmental Engineering Manager Senior
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator
Richard Robinson, P.E., Environmental Engineering Manager

Visitors:

Andrew Sears, JEA
Mary Tappouni, Interested Citizen
Jay Worley, JEA
Gage Miller, Golder Associates

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Bobby Baker, P.E. called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ENFORCEMENT

Board Cases

Dana Brown asked that the following order be presented to the Board for approval under Consent Order settlements:

- **Center Point Terminal Company (AP-12-43)** - for exceedance of total organic compounds (TOC) emission limits – settlement fee \$12,480.

Legislative Update

Ms. Brown reported the following:

- We continue to monitor language being discussed in HB999 which will change the Title V fee structure. At this point we are not sure if the legislation will pass.
- Proposed budget cuts in the Senate will impact the Title V Air Program this year. We are uncertain about the impact on local programs.

MONTHLY COMPLAINTS

Air and Odor Complaints (February)

Steve Pace, P.E., Environmental Engineering Manager Senior, reported the following:

- 5 nuisance complaints were received and investigated, 3 complaints were validated
- 26 odor complaints were received and investigated, 6 complaints were validated
- 1 open burning permit was issued
- 11 open burning complaints were received and investigated

Noise Complaints (February)

Mr. Pace reported the following:

- 20 noise complaints were received
- 17 warning letters were issued
- 3 complaints were referred to the Jacksonville Sherriff's Office (JSO).

EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

James Richardson, EPB Administrator – None.

DEPARTMENTAL REMARKS

Scott Trebatoski, Acting Chief - None.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Health Zone 1 Study**
James Richardson stated that he has met with staff from the Health Planning Council to discuss possible options. Should have more specific information to present soon.
- **Committee Focus Areas**
Mr. Richardson stated that he composed the comments provided by the Air & Odor Committee and developed a draft list of proposed major categories (odors, noise, mobile sources, etc.) as priority items. Mr. Richardson stated that the Water Committee added education as a focus area and asked the Air Committee to consider education as a priority also. He asked that the committee consider action at the next meeting.

Mr. Baker inquired about the possibility of developing metrics that would measure the impact of EPB actions. Mr. Richardson indicated that he is researching possible items and will bring something forward at a future meeting.
- **Open Variances**
JEA Riverside Water Distribution Improvements – Mr. Richardson stated that staff has some issues to discuss regarding the JEA River Water Distribution Variance granted by the EPB.

Steve Pace stated that an email was received from JEA reporting that the meter monitoring the noise levels indicated 23 exceedances of the 85 dBA level granted in the variance. The highest recorded dBA level was 95 dBA. One of the conditions in

the variance also required JEA to use a ANSI meter in accordance with existing EPB rules. JEA also stated in the variance application the dBA levels would be monitored and if the project noise level was approaching the 85 dBA limit action will be taken to mitigate the noise. Instead the meter was positioned on a corner and left on record to take readings. JEA has also acknowledged that the exceedances were caused by including additional construction activities and a larger crew. Mr. Pace went on to say that JEA has violated the variance granted by the Board and staff's recommendation is to revoke the variance.

Andrew Sears shared that EQD staff was notified of a problem when a portion of the monitoring period collecting data during nighttime work indicated there were issues. The meter has been corrected and Golder Associate is assisting in data collection. No nighttime work is planned during nighttime hours for the remainder of the project, and all work will be conducted during daytime hours only. He delivered a presentation with details of the project and noise readings documented (copy of presentation available). The project was published in a local paper, alternative housing was offered, the public meeting to discuss the project was held and one complaint was received with the concern being addressed.

There was considerable discussion of the project, the methods being used, the type of recording equipment being used and the method of capturing the information. Committee members indicated that they could not take any official action at this level and agreed that it needed to be sent to the full board. After further discussion, JEA was asked to submit an amended variance application seeking a modification to the variance and the background information. The information is to be received by May 3rd in order for EQD staff to review the information and prepare a recommendation for board action. JEA was in agreement with the request. The committee asked that the item be forwarded to the EPB Steering Committee and that the required public notices be issued.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None.

ITEMS FORWARDED TO STEERING COMMITTEE

JEA Noise Variance Modification Request – Riverside Water Main

DATE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Air and Odor Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Environmental Protection Board