

COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 (1:30 pm – 3:30 pm)

I. Welcome

Kimberly Wasserman – Chairman

II. Introductions

A. Teleconference

- Commissioner Millard Driskell
- Veronica Halloway – Illinois DPH
- Chris Pressnall - IEPA
- Commissioner Cheryl Johnson
- Rev Pierce – Illinois People Action
- Melanie Moore – Friends of the Parks

B. Videoconference Chicago

- Commissioner Kim Wasserman, Chairman
- Commissioner Keith Harley
- Sharonda Williams-Tack – Sierra Club
- Alan Wesolowski – One Northside
- Julianna Pino – LVEJO
- Commissioner Veronica Kyle
- Nathan Czuba – PERRO
- Troy Hernandez – PERRO
- Stephanie Bilenko - NEIS
- Pastor Booker Vance – Faith –n- Place
- Veronica Kyle -

C. Videoconference Springfield

- Ken Page - Illinois EPA
- Stephon Bishop – Illinois EPA
- Commissioner Diane Lopez Hughes
- Kevin Greene – Illinois EPA
- Commissioner Brenda Carter
- Jim Ross – Illinois EPA
- Jennifer Carrillo – Illinois People Action

III. Approval of Agenda (electronic copy)

- Moved by – Commissioner Kim Wasserman
 - Second- Commissioner Cheryl Johnson
- Motion carried

IV. Approval of the Minutes

December 8, 2015 (electronic copy)

- Moved by – Commissioner Keith Harley
 - Second – Commissioner Cheryl Johnson
- Motion carried

V. Presentations/Discussions:

A. Clean Power Plan by Kevin Greene and Jim Ross

Still no official position on the Clean Power Plan/but there has been some movement

- Developing a proposal for 8 – 12 listening sessions
 - Criteria for determining locations
- IEPA's EJ screening tool
 - Broader definition of vulnerable communities
 - Communities impacted by shift in power generation
 - Coal mining areas/plants served
 - Clean energy incentive program
 - Want to account for geographic balance
 - Locations
 - Waukegan
 - Southside and/or Southwest side of Chicago
 - Grundy, Will and Kendall Counties
 - Quad cities
 - Peoria
 - Effingham
 - Woodriver/Alton
 - Springfield
 - Harrisburg (Saline County)
 - Sparta (Randolph & Perry Counties)
 - Format
 - Open House - 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm
 - Listening Sessions – 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm
 - Staff provide overview of the CPP (10-15 minutes)
 - Public can speak
 - Time limits on speakers (5-7 minutes?)
 - Registering online to speak
 - 1 person per organization
 - Questions
 - Keep in Mind
 - Providing topic areas of priority (look at other state examples of topics)
 - Interpreter/ Translation when needed
 - Neutral Facilitator
 - Follow-up Questions

- e. Invite Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- f. Preparing Meeting Notices
- g. Website live with plain language
- h. Attend listening sessions that are sponsored by other organizations

- Questions

- Keith Harley – will there be an opportunity for public comment/
- Will the meetings be transcribed? Suggest that they be (similar to formal hearing transcriptions)
- Jennifer Carrillo – How many listening sessions per month? Maybe 2.
- Jennifer Carrillo – Timeline of sessions? Start Late March/Early April
- Veronica Kyle – Make sure ample time is provided for people to speak. These are people that do not register on the proposed website. Likes the idea of 1 person speaking for each organization.
 - Need to invite privileged communities to these listening sessions.
- Julianna Pino – Make sure that online registration is translated.
 - Will the public comments be available for others to see/review?
 - It is important to have IEPA available for prep meetings.
- Diane Lopez Hughes – It will be helpful if different EJ organizations work together in certain areas.
- Kim Wasserman – What is the timeframe to finalize the 10 listening sessions? (Estimate by Feb 15th)
- Brenda Carter – Will there be a 30 day notice required for the listening sessions?
- Rev. Pierce – Will the hearings be contingent on legislation?
- Veronica Kyle – Each year groups collaborate for Lobby Day on April 21st. It would be good to have the IEPA involved.
- Jennifer Carrillo – There should not be a rush to schedule the listening sessions. Maybe May, June and July.
- Keith Harley – Reasons for location selections? What about fracking locations? Consider adding location or revising reasoning behind choosing locations.
- Julianna Pino – Are the listening sessions the only opportunity for stakeholder involvement? No, but is a primary piece.

Kevin - Intends to share plan with internal team next week and plans to get more feedback from stakeholders

VI. **New Business:**

A. **Formation of a Clean Power Plan Sub-committee**

Moved by – Commissioner Kim Wasserman

Second by – Commissioner Millard Driskell

Motion carried

- 1st meeting date for the sub-committee will be Monday, March 7th @ 10:00 am – conference call
- Members of sub-committee
 1. Commissioner Diane Lopez Hughes – co-chair
 2. Commissioner Kim Wasserman – co-chair
 3. Pastor Booker Vance
 4. Veronica Hallaway IDPH
 5. Commissioner Cheryl Johnson
 6. Julianna Pino
 7. Rev. Pierce

Send/email Information to Ken for distribution to all

VII. Old Business

- **Open meetings Act training – all of the commissioners need to complete**
- **Ethics training – all commissioners need to complete.**

VIII. Open Discussions/Questions

- USEPA is hosting a webinar on the role of Biomass in achieving the Clean Power Plan goals (Open to the public)

IX. Next Meeting

- 2nd Quarter in 2016

X. Adjournment

- At 3:12 pm