

**Minutes**  
**Environmental Protection Committee**  
**Red Top Mountain Visitor Center**  
**50 Lodge Road, SE**  
**Acworth, GA 30102**

**September 28, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Ray Lambert, Chair  
Dwight Evans, Vice Chair  
Nick Ayers  
William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis  
Randy Dellinger  
Patrick Denney  
Duncan Johnson  
Bill Jones  
Rob Leebern  
Bodine Sinyard  
Dee Yancey, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Nancy Addison  
Joe Hatfield  
Tim Lowe  
Billy New  
Paul Shailendra  
Miki Thomaston

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Kate Iannuzzi  
Cathy Barnette  
Donald Kirkland  
Artica Gaston  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Steve Friedman  
Doug Haymans  
Ted Will  
Taylor Brown

Richard Dunn, Director  
John Eunice  
Jac Capp  
Karen Hays  
Chuck Mueller  
Laura Williams

The September 28, 2021 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairman Dee Yancey.

Chairman Yancey called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Mr. Lambert called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates.

Ms. Hays stated EPD regularly updates rules to incorporate changes to US EPA rules, incorporate new US EPA rules, update references to the most current documents, remove obsolete requirements, and make corrections. She further stated the key changes to the proposed amendments include updating the definition of “Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants”, revisions to Emission Statements reporting requirement, and Updates to certain New Source Performance Standards and Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. She added revisions to the “Gasoline Dispensing Facility – Stage I” Rule will remove outdated references and remove the Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System requirements that were scheduled to go into effect in 2023 in Catoosa, Richmond, and Walker counties.

Ms. Hays stated she briefed the DNR Board Environmental Committee on May 25, 2021. She further stated public hearing was held on August 2, and a 30-day comment period closed on August 9. She added no comments were received during the public hearing or comment period.

Ms. Hays requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates.

Mr. Lambert asked Ms. Hays to continue with Item B, Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to existing Municipal Solid Waste landfills.

Ms. Hays stated the proposed amendments will pertain to large Municipal Solid Waste Landfills that commenced construction on or before July 17, 2014. She further stated the amendments will adopt requirements of updated federal emission guidelines and control non-methane organic emissions required when emissions exceed 34 megagrams per year (previously 50 megagrams per year). She added if Georgia does not adopt the updated federal emission guidelines, landfills will be subject to a federal plan.

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A motion was made by Mr. Dellinger, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to existing Municipal Solid Waste landfills.

Mr. Lambert asked Ms. Hays to continue with Item C, Proposed Grant Criteria for Georgia Diesel Emissions Reduction Program, Chapter 391-3-21-.15.

Ms. Hays stated the purpose of the Georgia Diesel Emissions Reduction Program is to reduce diesel emissions that can negatively impact human health and the environment by assisting public schools with school bus replacements and is funded through the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. She further stated the grant criteria for the funding cycle includes school buses to be replaced must be model years 2009 or older, replaced school buses must be scrapped, and project applicants must provide 75% match. She added the funding available is \$530,503 and is given priority first to public school systems in counties designated as nonattainment for the 2015 ozone standard followed by public school systems in counties designated as maintenance for the 2008 ozone standards and then by public school systems in all remaining counties.

Ms. Hays stated EPD will issue the first solicitation for applications within 4 months of DNR Board approval of the grant criteria. She further stated if funds remain after initial distribution of funds, additional solicitations will be issued.

Ms. Hays requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Ayers, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed grant criteria for Georgia Diesel Emissions Reduction Program, Chapter 391-3-21-.15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.