

**Advisory Council Minutes**  
October 22, 2009  
Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency

Members Present:

Ray Kelleher  
Bernard (Bud ) Leber  
Chester Jahns, Jr,  
Adriane Borgias  
Jana McDonald

Staff Present:

Bill Dameworth  
Matt Holmquist  
Chuck Studer  
Lisa Woodard  
Debbie Riley

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

**1. Review of Comments & Changes to Proposed Odor/Nuisance Rule – Chuck Studer & Matt Holmquist the September 24, 2009 Minutes:**

Chester Jahns, Jr. moved to approve the September 24, 2009 minutes and Ray Kelleher seconded it. Minutes approved

**2. Review of Proposed Odor Rule – Matt Holmquist and Chuck Studer**

Matt Holmquist gave a brief overview of the proposed odor rule. Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency is responsible for enforcing odor nuisance regulations. Enforcement action may be taken when odors unreasonably interfere with a property owner's use and enjoyment of life and property. The proposed regulation Spokane Clean Air has chosen is nearly identical to Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's odor rule. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's odor rule was adopted in 1983 and improved in 1999. The odor scale, added in 1999 clearly communicates the odor standard. Enforcement action requires the complainant to complete an affidavit and odor violations confirmed by enforcement staff. Ray Kelleher asked Matt what are the criteria to determine odors on a scale from 1 to 4. Matt replied under the proposal for a level 0 no odor is detected, under level 1 the odor is barely detected. At level 2 you can actually smell what the odor is such as coffee, dead animals. Level 3 is strong enough to cause attempts of avoidance. At level 4 the person does not want to remain present.

Chuck Studer talked about the Public Comments that have been received to date. Spokane Clean Air has received four comments from the public. All the comments received are from Industries, two in favor of the proposed rule and two against the proposed rule. There was some discussion between staff and council members.

**3. Advisory Council Open Position - Bill Dameworth**

Spokane Clean Air has received two applicants for the open position. Brenda Smits works for Department of Ecology and Doug Pottraz works for Avista. A recommendation will be taken to the next Board Meeting for their review and approval.

**4. Future Outdoor Wood Fire Controls- Matt Holmquist**

A recreational fire is defined as no larger than three feet in diameter by two feet high and used for cooking, camping, and pleasure. Only charcoal, natural gas, propane, and clean, dry untreated wood are to be use. Restricting wood fuel would help reduce localized smoke impact, contribute towards improved air quality, and be beneficial from a fire safety standpoint. The proposal that is being considered is for the year 2012, and would restrict wood-fueled recreational fires in incorporated cities within Spokane Clean Air's smoke control zone. Exceptions to the restriction would be campfires in approved parks and recreational areas, food smokers, restaurant food preparation (brick oven) and wood chips burned for adding flavor and aroma to food, charcoal grill, propane heater, and gas grill. Spokane Clean Air is still in the early stages for this change to recreational fires. The next steps would be to get input from the Advisory Council and Board of Directors. There was some discussion between staff and council members regarding the air quality benefits of the proposed restriction. Staff will develop some information along this line and present it at a future meeting.

John Livingston moved to adjourn the Advisory Council meeting and Bud Leber seconded it. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

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WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, DIRECTOR