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Improving Air Quality at Our Ports & Airports

Setting an Agenda for a Cleaner Future

New Jersey Clean Air Council Annual Public Hearing



April 9, 2008
9:30 a.m.

N.J. Department of Environmental Protection
401 E. State St., Trenton, N.J.

Jon S. Corzine, Governor
Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner
James Blando, Ph.D., Chairman

Clean Air Council 2008 Hearing

The Clean Air Council of New Jersey invites you to attend its annual public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on April 9, 2008 in the public hearing room of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) office in Trenton. Based on testimony offered during the hearing, the Council will be making recommendations to the DEP to address the impact to air quality from New Jersey's ports and airports.

THE CHALLENGE

- Ship, airplane, rail, and motor vehicle traffic in and out of airports and seaports affects local and regional air quality.
- Ground-based equipment at seaports and airports also affects local and regional air quality.
- National and international laws and agreements regulate vessels such as ships and airplanes.
- The logistical and physical operations unique to seaports and airports present challenges to improving air quality.

- International, federal, state and local jurisdictions overlap, creating a complex puzzle that requires multi-stakeholder input.
- New technologies for reducing air quality impacts continue to emerge.
- Global warming legislation and regulation will impact seaports and airports.
- The current and projected economic and societal costs of air quality improvements at seaports and airports are important factors in deciding strategies to improve air quality.

The Clean Air Council is an advisory body to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Each year the Council releases a report highlighting air quality issues affecting New Jersey. This year the Council is seeking information and public comment on efficient strategies to improve air quality.

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ISSUES FOR THE HEARING

Specifically, the Clean Air Council plans to provide information and recommendations on:

- The air contaminants of concern; the sources of these air contaminants, and their health impacts.
- The responsibilities DEP should have for improving air quality at seaports and airports.
- The technology currently available to improve air quality at ports and seaports.
- The experience we can gain from other airports and seaports.
- Sources of air contaminants that might be the focus of new policies.
- Anticipated growth at these facilities and its impact on air quality.
- What are transportation options into and out of the airports and seaports (rail, truck, short sea shipping), and what are the air quality impacts associated with each different option?
- What process would be most effective in developing equitable and beneficial improvements to air quality at seaports and airports?

HEARING PROCEDURES

The Clean Air Council has invited guest speakers who will address many of these topics and provide suggestions to help New Jersey meet its air quality challenges at the ports and airports. Interested residents of New Jersey are invited and encouraged to participate.

Anyone wishing to testify and/or attend this public hearing is asked to complete the attached Notice of Intention to Attend and mail it to the Clean Air Council by March 19, 2008.

Those wishing to testify should also contact Sonia Evans at (609) 633-2007, via email at cac@dep.state.nj.us or by fax at (609) 292-1028. Presenters will be allowed 10 minutes and are asked to bring 25 copies of their remarks, including a summary of key information and recommendations.

Written testimony may also be submitted up until April 30, 2008 to the following address:

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The Clean Air Council

First convened in 1968, the Clean Air Council was created by the Legislature to make recommendations to the state of New Jersey on matters and programs pertaining to air pollution control.

For more information on the Clean Air Council, visit www.nj.gov/dep/cleanair.

Directions to DEP



Public Hearing Notice of Intention to Attend

- I plan only to attend the April 9, 2008, Clean Air Council public hearing.
- I plan to attend and to testify at the public hearing.

Name _____

Company _____

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