

COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2014

Via WebEx hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP, Central Office, Columbus

CAP members	Present: Laurie Stevenson, Kara Allison, James Pilcher, Jeff Morris Absent: Steve Bowser, Bill Hayes
Others present:	Rick Carleski, Mike Kelley, Ohio EPA/OCAPP; Todd Nein, Ombudsman/OAQDA

Roll call: Rick opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. followed by introductions and roll call.

Welcome and announcements: Kara welcomed all attendees and stated she will continue to serve as voluntary CAP Chair until Governor Kasich appoints her replacement.

Update on CAP activities: Rick announced the 2015 quarterly meeting schedule will be February 12, May 14, August 13, and November 12. Rick will send out Outlook appointments. There is no update on appointments for the three vacant seats.

Ombudsman update: Todd reported the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority will be submitting their final rule filing to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). The final rule will enlarge OAQDA's financing options to \$30,000 or 30% of project costs, whichever is less. To publicize the new financing opportunities, OAQDA plans to conduct targeted outreach through small business trade organizations such as the Automotive Service Association, Printing Industries Association, NFIB, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Manufacturer's Association, etc., and OCAPP will also assist.

OCAPP updates: Ohio EPA held its eighth Compliance Assistance Conference on September 23-24, 2014 in Columbus. Approximately 380 people attended the two-day event that featured an award ceremony for the six recent winners of the Silver Level Encouraging Environmental Excellence Award (E3) and two sessions on the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) regulations by Mark Howard of U.S. EPA headquarters. Overall, attendee surveys were very good and will be sent to the CAP members for review.

OCAPP is reviewing twelve E3 Silver Award applications for the Director's final decision and presentation in May 2015. OCAPP is working on marketing strategies to increase participation in the E3 program and making progress in defining regulatory flexibility options for the Gold Level that focus on economic benefits. Rick explained some of the data included in the annual program report to U.S. EPA on September 4, 2014. No further comments on the annual program report from the CAP.

Rick reported on the annual meeting with U.S. EPA Region 5 in Chicago. Topics discussed included state program updates, CAP status, the "waters of the U.S." definition, pollution prevention initiatives, and Region 5 enforcement efforts. The states openly expressed their concerns that U.S. EPA's letter to an Ohio auto body shop (previously shared with the CAP) sounded intimidating and asked if EPA would consider suggestions for clearer, less threatening language. Laurie proposed asking Region 5 if they

would consider delegating any similar complaint responses to the states for follow-up. It is not known how often U.S. EPA sends letters like this.

OCAPP will conduct a webinar on November 19 to advertise the October 1 through February 2 application window for the next round of grants under the Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Program. Since absorbing this program in June 2014, OCAPP is assisting with evaluating the environmental compliance status of potential grant applicants.

Laurie explained OCAPP has been collecting staff input and formulating a 3-year Strategic Management Plan for Director Butler. It includes possible consolidation of several Ohio EPA business-focused and assistance programs under one umbrella and includes both short term and long term projects. Laurie proposed to make this the focus of the next CAP meeting.

Agenda & Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **10 a.m. – noon on Thursday, February 12, 2015 via WebEx, hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP.** Agenda to include:

- Post-election update on CAP appointments
- Discussion of OCAPP Strategic Management Plan
- OCAPP and OAQDA activity updates

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Carleski, OCAPP Manager/CAP Secretariat