

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
January 2, 2025, at 3:00 PM
Southwest Clean Air Agency
5101 NE 82nd Ave. Ste 102
Vancouver, Washington

This meeting will be held by video conference using Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154159897>

Meeting ID: 821 5415 9897

Or call in by phone (669) 900-9128

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- III. Board of Directors Minutes
Board of Directors Minutes - November Meeting
- IV. Changes to the Agenda
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Vouchers
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Monthly Activity Report
- V. Info Items & Public Comment
None
- VII. Public Hearing
None
- VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business
 - A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
 - B. Summary** – SWCAA’s Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected for each calendar year. The Chair position is currently held by Dr. Alan Melnick and the Vice Chair position is held by Ben Shumaker.

C. Recommendation – Elect the Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2025.

IX. Executive Director’s Report

A. EPA Combustion Turbines NO_x NSPS Proposal (December 13, 2024)

The EPA has proposed new performance standards for stationary gas and combustion turbines, aiming to reduce NO_x emissions. The proposal includes selective catalytic reduction as the best method for emissions reduction and sets limits based on turbine size and use. The rule is expected to cut NO_x emissions by 198 tons in 2027 and 2,659 tons by 2032. For more information: [Federal Register Notice](#)

B. EPA Review of Secondary NAAQS for NO_x, SO_x, and PM (December 10, 2024) The EPA has completed its review of the secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur oxides (SO_x), and particulate matter (PM), as required by a court order. Unlike primary NAAQS, which focus on health, secondary NAAQS aim to protect public welfare, including ecological impacts on plants and aquatic ecosystems. Based on the review, the EPA is finalizing a new standard for sulfur dioxide (SO₂), reducing the secondary standard from 500 parts per billion (ppb) over three hours to 10 ppb as an annual average over three years. The proposed range for this revision was 10 to 15 ppb. Additionally, the existing secondary standards for NO_x and PM are being retained with no changes. The EPA is also updating data handling requirements for the SO₂ standard. This rule will take effect 30 days after its publication in the Federal Register. For more information: [Final Rule on Secondary NAAQS](#)

C. EPA Bans Trichloroethylene (TCE) and Perchloroethylene (PCE) Uses (December 9, 2024) The EPA has finalized rules banning all uses of trichloroethylene (TCE) and many uses of perchloroethylene (PCE), with protections for remaining workplace uses. PCE is commonly found in brake cleaners, adhesives, dry cleaning, and industrial settings. The new rules phase out PCE in dry cleaning over 10 years, with a ban starting in six months for new dry-cleaning machines. TCE, used in various consumer and commercial products, will be banned gradually. The rule also establishes a Workplace Chemical Protection Program for critical sectors. A public webinar on the PCE rule will be held on January 15, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. (ET). For more information: [EPA Announcement](#)

D. State and Industry Briefs Challenging Methane Rule Filed in D.C. Circuit (November 26, 2024) A group of states and industry associations has filed briefs in the U.S. Court of Appeals (Texas v. EPA, Case No. 24-1054) challenging the EPA’s “Methane Rule” for the oil and natural gas sector. The petitioners argue that the EPA overstepped its authority in setting “presumptive” performance standards for states, instead of allowing them to create their own standards. The states also argue that the two-year deadline for compliance is too short and the rule’s social cost metric for methane emissions is flawed. Industry groups, led by Continental Resources, Inc., also claim the rule violates the Clean Air Act and the Supreme Court’s 2022 decision in *West Virginia v. EPA*, which restricted the EPA’s authority to regulate greenhouse gases. Both the states and industry groups had previously sought to block the rule’s implementation, but their requests were denied by the D.C. Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. For more information: [D.C. Circuit Brief](#)

E. Auto Alliance Urges Incoming Trump Administration to Support “Reasonable and Achievable” Vehicle Emission Regulations (November 22, 2024) The Auto Alliance

sent a letter to President-Elect Trump, urging the administration to support reasonable vehicle emission regulations. The group advocates for emission standards that align with market realities and allow consumers to purchase vehicles that meet their needs. They also called for stability in auto-related emissions standards. For more information: [Auto Alliance Letter](#)

- X. Board Policy Discussion Issues
As Necessary
- XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings
Proposed SWCAA 400 Rule Revisions - February
- XII. Adjourn

Notes:

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- (2) Accommodation of the needs for disabled persons can be made upon request. For more information, please call (360) 574-3058 extension 110.