

LRAPA Public Forum: Comments from participants 6/16/2010

What is LRAPA doing well?

Monitoring and gradual control/reduction of criteria pollutants

Giving clarity in this meeting

Outreach-Working. Board direction. Thanks.

Generally LRAPA is performing at great level.

This community meeting was extremely helpful

Generally you guys are doing so well

Keep talking to me

Working with reduction of “non-point” air pollution – wood stoves, diesel issues, etc.

What is LRAPA not doing well?

Building knowledge and data inside LRAPA and in LRAPA’s community around greenhouse gas emissions and local ambient CO₂ levels, in anticipation of increasing need.

Seeing the critical importance of global warming

Generating public participation and interest

Failing to prevent Seneca biomass plant

Advertise the next meeting in media coverage of this meeting?

Maybe solicit/request questions/concerns in advance of public meeting?

Explaining what you do

Not a community advocate for clean air, seem to be merely an enabler/administrator for permit process for industry

What *specific* things do you recommend LRAPA do differently?

Discuss and schedule next public forum two months in advance. Encourage all staff, board and CAC members to invite others. Invite elected officials to come, ask them to invite staff working on projects that impact air quality.

Put greenhouse gas emissions clearly into your suite of concerns

Begin local ambient CO₂ monitoring to establish a baseline. Participate in a network of local monitors.

Add CO₂ monitoring to your local data collection concerns

Get more involved in developing an appreciation for social, economic, & environmental justice concepts

Periodic community meetings, better location w/good acoustics and in town

If the Seneca plant is built, I would look forward to extremely accurate accounting of all emissions so we can look at the annual quantities of all the individual materials released

More meetings like this one

Woodstove changeouts in a broader geographic area (in Springfield)

Have lower emission standards than State or Feds where there would be no impact on local businesses?

Lecture series - @ U of O?

Stop Seneca biofuel plant

Keep having public forums – maybe lecture format held at U of O?

Somehow work with state/? to not allow industrial sources of air pollution, e.g. Seneca, pulp mills, Hyundai type of industrial pollutions

DEQ monitor on coast what are “baseline levels of pollutants”

Ask Peter DeFazio to have a “tiny” earmark to provide funding

Ask NOAA if they’ve monitored air quality at their former location to assess the “base levels” of air quality coming onto continent & Oregon/Lane County area

Topics discussed at Table 3: Permitting, compliance and enforcement

Health Benefits of lower standards should be in direct context with the community.

No graphs in LRAPA slide show regarding health effects of public health and they should be included in LRAPA's slide shows.

Permits are the key to controls on industry – (in reference to Seneca)

If LRAPA just added CO₂ to their list of pollutants that they are considering controlling in the future, he would feel better that LRAPA is listening. He added the following list of steps LRAPA should take regarding CO₂.

- CO₂: #1 – Add CO₂ to list of pollutants to control in Lane County
#2 – Inventory CO₂
#3 – Have ambient monitoring – baseline of CO₂
#4 – Apply for federal grants for CO₂ monitoring

Who are the polluters of CO₂ – including industry.

When standards are lowered for CO₂ – VMT (vehicle miles traveled) will need to be lowered – suggested that LRAPA start now or Lane County will be out of compliance for CO₂.

Vehicle emission testing is taboo in Oregon – needs to change.

Comments about whether LRAPA should repeat this time of forum:

Yes - 1 topic in depth

Yes - Venue bad- bad sound, couldn't hear, too loud.

Yes - Good to have meetings but less opening remarks from LRAPA and more time for discussions.