

COMPLIANCE ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2015

Via Conference Call hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP, Central Office, Columbus

CAP members	Present: Kara Allison, Jeff Morris, John Pierko Absent: Laurie Stevenson, James Pilcher, Ty Baker-Baumann
Others present:	Rick Carleski, Mike Kelley, Ohio EPA/OCAPP; Todd Nein, Ombudsman/OAQDA

Roll call: Rick opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. followed by introductions and roll call.

Update on CAP activities: Rick announced John Pierko and Ty Baker-Baumann were appointed to the CAP in October by Senate Minority Leader Schiavoni and Senate President Faber, respectively. John introduced himself as the Vice President of Technical Resources for MS Consultants, Inc. located in Youngstown. MS Consultants is a 350 employee firm that provides multi-discipline engineering and architecture services for an array of water infrastructure construction and planning projects, and other environmental issues. Clients include large and small businesses as well as local and regional governments. Rick has contacted Ms. Baker-Baumann to welcome her to the CAP. She is the President of Rebsco, Inc., a small business located in Greenville, Ohio. Rebsco, Inc. is a design/build contractor and custom fabrication company specializing in material handling systems for the commercial agricultural and aggregate industries. She was not able to attend today's call due a prior commitment.

James Pilcher's appointment will expire on December 20, 2015. Ohio EPA's legislative liaison, Danielle Giannantonio, has alerted the House Speaker's office on the need to either reappoint Mr. Pilcher or fill this appointment. Danielle has also contacted the Governor's Office about the need to fill his two vacant appointments.

Adhering to past practices, the quarterly meeting schedule for 2016 will be February 11, May 12, August 11, and November 10. All are on the second Thursday of the month, beginning at 10 a.m. Rick will send Outlook appointment reminders. Please contact Rick with any concerns about this schedule.

Ombudsman update: Todd reported the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority closed its first financing package under the new program options that provided \$30,000 of principal for a \$2 million project involving onsite crushing and reuse of demolished concrete and net air quality benefits due to reductions in fugitive dust and truck exhaust emissions. OAQDA is closing a second package in December for new paint booths at an auto body shop in Lancaster, which will also exempt the equipment from sales and property taxes. OAQDA is presently investigating five more project financing proposals for various businesses.

OCAPP updates: Rick described the completed merger of the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention into the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA), with OCAPP retaining its name as one-third of DEFA. The other units that comprise DEFA include the Office of Financial Assistance, which approves and processes loans for water infrastructure improvements and now includes the recycling and litter prevention grant program (formerly part of OCAPP). The Office of

Customer Support (OSC) will handle central administration and outreach functions and will assume duties for the OCAPP newsletter, publications, and webinars.

Since the August CAP meeting, OCAPP conducted one webinar (October 21), which was a demo for Ohio EPA's new Permit Wizard online tool. OCAPP was the main developer of this tool. The next webinar is on November 18 for potential applicants for the Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant program. A schedule of 11 webinars for 2016 is being finalized. Past webinar details and recordings are available at <http://ohioepatrainingcatalog.custhelp.com/app/answers/list/session/L3RpbWUvMTQ0ZQ0MzYyNy9zaWQvTkJSSFpwQm0%3D/c/321>

OCAPP continues to update its extensive library of compliance assistance and pollution prevention publications and CAP comments will be solicited soon for revisions to our Self-Assessment Guide. The annual mailing of our popular Environmental Compliance Calendar for Dry Cleaners will be sent to approximately 650 dry cleaners in early December.

Mike reported the E3 Awards Program has seen significant growth since the award levels and application process were significantly revised this Spring. Currently there are 20 Achievement Level, 20 Silver Level, and 17 Gold Level participants representing 44 organizations. Some organizations have attained more than one level. In April 2015, there was only one Gold Level participant. We are currently reviewing 10 Silver Level applications for the 2016 award cycle. More information is available at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/ohioe3.aspx>

Future direction of CAP and support from U.S. EPA: Rick suggested reserving the future direction of the CAP discussion for the next meeting. Rick reported that U.S. EPA was launching its new redesigned web site to support state compliance assistance programs. CAP members will be added to the distribution lists for related information. Please contact Rick if you have any questions.

Agenda & Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **10 a.m. – noon on Thursday, February 11, 2016 via Conference call, hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP.** Agenda to include:

- Introductions/update on new CAP members
- Future direction of CAP and meeting format
- OCAPP and OAQDA activity updates
- U.S. EPA Support

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Carleski, OCAPP Manager/CAP Secretariat