

State Advisory Board on Air Pollution (SABAP) Meeting Minutes  
DEQ – Piedmont Regional Office  
May 2, 2012  
10:00am – 2:00pm

- Meeting was called to order by SAB Chair, Charlie Forbes at 10:00 am.
- SAB members in attendance: Daniel Ancona, Brian Castelli, Jim Christman, Tom Cormons, Dean Downs, Evans Drake, Charlie Forbes, Ted Handel, Ron Jefferson, Richard Langford, John Roland, Bill Shobe, Lowell Smith, and Cathy Taylor.
- SAB members unable to attend: Andrea Arredondo, Dave Coffin, Dan Demers, Daniel Goldstein, Paige Holt, Joe Loschiavo, Kevin McGunnigle, Anil Mehrotra, Gerald Pellett, Deborah Randolph (resigned), and Sheryl Raulston.
- Rodney Sobin was in attendance.
- DEQ staff in attendance was Alma Banks, Mike Dowd, Cindy Berndt, and Tamera Thompson.
- Approved minutes from the March 13, 2012 meeting.
- Mr. Langford and Mr. Dowd introduced the discussion of the SAB charter. They offered some specific items that could be addressed during a review of the charter such as quorums, terms of appointments, timing of project assignments and an additional role as a standing regulatory advisory panel (RAP).

During the discussions, various members provided points to be considered during any review of the charter. Some of the points included:

- Need to identify projects where the SAB can do research that actually assists DEQ/Board.
- Consider assigning a facilitator for the SAB, similar to process used by a RAP.
- Having the SAB address things that are not just the regulatory things is good.
- SAB is hamstrung by the rules for conducting business.
- SAB needs members that really want to participate.
- Suggestion that the Board Liaison and the Air Division Director report at each meeting of the SAB what is going on at the Board/DEQ level.
- SAB needs to look long-term, not just what the EPA requires.
- Who determines the projects, should not be DEQ.
- Suggestion that educational projects be allowed to consider policy.
- SAB could review DEQ strategic plan as SAB is better qualified and prepared to react to strategic plan rather than tactical matters (RAP).
- Consider a survey to ask SAB members why they are not participating.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a subgroup was established to discuss the SAB, its role in assisting DEQ and the Board, and recommendations for moving forward including possible revisions to the charter.

- The Board separated into workgroups to discuss projects.

- SABAP meeting schedule for 2012:

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

- The next SABAP meeting will be held on July 18, 2012 in the PRO Training Room.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.