

**Final Minutes
St. Charles County
Commission on Environmental Quality
September 22, 2010**

Minutes by Commissioner Hanke

Meeting Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Langston at 6:02 p.m. in the conference room at St. Charles County Department of Health and the Environment Building.

Roll Call and Guest

Members present: Jeffrey Langston, Jim Burris, Bill Malach, Rick Higgins, Tom Nelsen, Rhonda Ferrett, John Choinka, Linda Wibbenmeyer, Brian Hanke

Members absent: None

Staff Present: Pieter Sheehan

Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2010:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferrett to approve the minutes as amended (correction of typos and removing Jim Burris from being noted present twice). Seconded by Commissioner Nelsen. Motion unanimously approved.

Comments from the Public: None

Comments/Concerns from Commissioners: None

Report from Staff:

Pieter handed out copies of the Solid Waste Permit sought by Ameren UE for its Sioux power plant. He then thanked the commission for its help and input.

Old Business: Commissioner Langston wanted to know how the August meeting went.

New Business:

Review of County Wellhead Protection District Ordinance: Chairman Langston asked that this item be un-tabled.

Commissioner Burris expressed concern about the generation, storage and transport of hazardous wastes in the vicinity of the wellheads. He noted that ordinances covering this exist but wondered if they were being enforced. Commissioner Burris suggested that Wayne Anthony be asked to the next meeting for further discussion.

Commissioners Higgins and Malach commented on the location of the well/buffer zones.

Commissioner Ferret asked how landowners around the wellheads would be notified of the ordinances covering wellheads.

The Commission wanted to know what would happen if the landowner wanted to develop property around the buffer zone?

Commission members also wanted to know if any consideration was given to hydraulic gradient movements upstream and downstream of the wells rather than using 1000 feet buffer?

Pieter offered to draft a document summarizing the CEQ's questions on this topic and forward it for circulation to all commission members.

Review of County Emergency Response Procedure regarding petroleum pipelines: Commissioners Burris and Wibbenmeyer commented on the complexity and inconsistency of the document, noting that it appeared to be taken from a larger document and that referenced items were not included and this made it very hard to comprehend.

Commissioner Nelsen brought up the San Bruno, CA explosion and fire. He introduced and circulated a newspaper account.

Pieter offered to draft a letter to the county executive outlining the following concerns:

- (1) Where is the entire document?
- (2) Are there contingencies for an ammonia release?
- (3) Is there an action or evacuation plan?
- (4) Where are these pipelines?

In summary, the following points need to be addressed:

- (a) An accurate map showing the location of all pipelines.
- (b) Training for emergency personnel
- (c) Heightened awareness of the hazards.
- (d) A clear action plan.

Commissioner Ferrett would like to know if a database containing information on pipeline inspections and safety procedures exists.

Commissioner Langston suggested that an accurate map of all pipeline locations would help the commission determine which areas were more sensitive than others.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.