

**Draft: Minutes: July 12, 2004**  
**Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council**  
**Maryland Department of Environment (MDE), 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD**

**Members Present:** Barbara Bice, Maureen Edwards, Richard Eskin, Judy LaKind, Christopher Loffredo, Mary Ellen Setting.

**Staff:** Phil Heard, Mary Johnson, Tracy Wolff, Audrey Regan.

**Guests:** Joe Beaman, MDE, Chinonye Harvey, George Washington University

**Review & Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2004:**

The minutes were reviewed. The Council was advised to send any changes to Mary Johnson before 7/19/04. No corrections were made and the final minutes were sent to the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Regulation Review:**

**Proposed Lead Regulation Amendments 26.02.07, 26.16.01, 26.16.02 from the Department of the Environment.**

**COMAR 26.02.07**

Amends the regulation to require that heat gun in lead abatement be operated below 1,100 degrees F to agree with federal regulations

The reason for this amendment was investigated and the following was found:

In the Federal Register, Vol 61, No. 169, pages 45795, 45813, heat gun temperature is discussed. At high temperatures, the use of a heat gun causes the volatilization of lead that causes a fine dust of lead to be deposited on surfaces. This makes for very difficult clean-up.

**COMAR 26.16.01**

The purpose of this amendment is to bring accreditation and training for lead paint abatement services into conformance with federal regulations. The amendment requires completion and documentation of training for workers and designers and increases fees.

**COMAR 26.16.02**

Amended to clarify lead abatement regulations and add conditions for invalidating inspection certificates.

After discussion there was agreement that these amendments are unlikely to adversely affect children's environmental health.

**Dust Control**

- At a previous meeting there was discussion about dust suppression methods in Maryland
- Tracy Wolff discussed COMAR 26.11.06.03 and COMAR 26.20.23.01.
  - COMAR 26.11.06.03 regulates construction and demolition of roads and the requirements to control dust
  - COMAR 26.20.23.01 requires mining operations to control dust during mining and in transportation

- Dr. Heard added that regulations concerning controlled hazardous substances would apply to the use of chemicals for dust suppression. Specifically these regulations prohibit the use of waste oil.
- The Pennsylvania program for dirt roads was discussed
- An update will be given at the next meeting

**Indicator Report Status:**

- Dr. Edwards reported to the Council that the Indicators Group members have met several times.
- The Indicators group is working with the EPA and the EPA contractors on some of the Indicators.
- There will be an update at the next meeting

**Infrastructure Study Update:**

- Dr. Edwards shared with the Council that the infrastructure study is complete.
- The study will be shared with the Council at a future meeting.

**Asthma Update:**

- Dr. Edwards and Audrey Regan reported that the Maryland Asthma Control Program released its asthma plan, last month. The Plan may be obtained at [www.marylandasthmacontrol.org](http://www.marylandasthmacontrol.org)
- Currently the Asthma Group is working on the Asthma Action Plan form to be disseminated to schools, parents, and health care providers. The Action Plan will be available at the website when completed.
- The Asthma Group is currently developing strategies to get the word out to providers about the Asthma Action Plan

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mercury and Fish- Presentation:**

**Joe Beaman, Head, Ecotoxicology and Standards Section-Environmental Health and Standards, Maryland Department of the Environment:**

- Joe Beaman presented: Mercury and Fish: “Fish Consumer Advisory in the Patapsco River”. He focused on the past, present, future of the consumer advisory. He gave a background on PCB’s and their affect on children and pregnant women. Mr. Beaman included in his presentation the advisory history; the current advisory standards and other outreach efforts. His presentation included risk assessments and polices of MDE. He concluded with the Patapsco River FCA activity history and its progress from 1988-2004.
- The new brochure entitled “Guide to Safer Fish Consumption for Women and Children in Maryland”, is currently available for review, and is given to recreational fishermen. The agency is looking at other outreach efforts in getting the ‘word out’ on fish consumption.
  - Feedback from the Council about the new brochure was given
    - Consider making it available in super markets
    - Consider listing stripped bass with its common name: rock fish
    - Neighborhood organizations, Korean stores, and health departments may benefit from the brochure

**Conference on Children's Environmental Health and the Environment-9/11/04,  
Chinonye Harvey, Project Conference Coordinator:**

Ms. Harvey from The George Washington University Medical Center presented to the Council an outline of this year's Mid Atlantic Conference on Children's Health and the Environment. She talked about the conference presenters and outlined the agenda. She gave registration packets to the Council for review and registration.

**Announcements/Ongoing Topics:**

- Dr. Edwards discussed the successful campaign to get mercury out of the schools
- DHMH will present the work of the CEHPAC and other state's initiatives in children's environmental health at the annual APHA meeting in November
- Possible topics/speakers for future CEHPAC meetings:
  - Land Use (September's Meeting)
  - Perinatal (Low Birth Weight); Ruth Etzel as a suggested presenter.
  - Mothers and Newborns Study at Columbia University – Frederica Perera including pesticides in urban environment

**Guests Comments:** None

**Next Meeting:** September, 13, 2004 at MDE