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Energy and Air Quality Working Group Meeting
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020
2:00pm

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome.** *Dale Arnold, Chair (2:00 pm)*
- 2. Policy Update,** *Joe Garrity, MORPC (2:05 pm)*
- 3. Ohio EPA Update,** *Erica Fetty-Davis, Ohio EPA (2:15pm)*
- 4. MORPC staff updates,** *MORPC staff (2:20pm)*
- 5. Solar Subcommittee,** *Craig Foster, Energility (2:35pm)*
- 6. Diversity and Environmental Justice Subcommittee update,** *Nolan Rutschilling, Ohio Hospital Association (2:55pm)*
- 7. Adjourn (3:30pm)**

Please Notify Brooke White 614-233-4168 or bwhite@morpc.org to confirm your attendance.

The next Energy and Air Quality Meeting is
November 24th, 2020 2:00pm

The meeting will be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. Please contact Brooke White for assistance.

William Murdock, AICP
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Rory McGuinness
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Vice Chair

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Policy Update

Joe Garrity

Director of Government Affairs
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Ohio EPA Update

Erica Fetty-Davis

Environmental Specialist

Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control

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¹Exposure to air pollution and COVID-19 mortality in the United States. Xiao Wu, Rachel C. Melby, Benjamin M. Sobel, Danielle Brown, Francesca Dominici. medRxiv: 2020.04.05.20054502. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.04.05.20054502>



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Solar Toolkit Subcommittee

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- Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments is published and updated as needs are identified
- MORPC's Commission approved MORPC pursuit of a SolSmart designation as a regional organization
- Will require the completion of a workbook with supporting documentation, as well as identifying and implementing additional activities as needed for designation
- Asking the EAQ Working Group to:
 - Change the name of the working group to the "Solar Working Group"
 - Direct the subcommittee to:
 - Complete the requirements of the SolSmart designation
 - Identify and propose recommendations addressing regional solar needs

Craig Foster

Solar Toolkit Subcommittee – *Chair*

Energility – *Director of Delivered Services*

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Equity Subcommittee Update

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Equity Subcommittee Update



- Previous EAQ Working Group identified the need for a focus on equity and supported the development of an Equity Subcommittee to:
 - Identify energy and air quality equity issues
 - Propose solutions that include recommendations to MORPC's internal structures, as well as how the community is engaged for regional activities
- Building equity into the development of the subcommittee and a work plan:
 - **Know What We Know:** current EAQ Working Group
 - **Know What We Don't Know:** current EAQ Working Group can seek out answers that we know we need
 - **Don't Know What We Don't Know:** need to build the diversity and inclusiveness in perspectives to ensure this equity component
 - *How are energy and air quality issues affecting typically excluded communities? Is it different between communities? What is their solution process like?*
 - *How is the inclusion of those voices into our processes ensured?*
 - *How are inclusive, successful, lasting solutions encouraged and implemented?*

Equity Subcommittee Update



- Current concept for developing the subcommittee:
 - Conduct outreach to increase the diversity and inclusiveness of perspectives on the EAQWG prior to convening the subcommittee (Q4 2020)
 - Increasing the perspectives prior will help us form the subcommittee in a manner that is more likely to be successful. Equity requires opening space, ceding power, etc.
 - Develop an initial roster of Equity Subcommittee members that can provide representation of traditionally underserved communities and perspectives typically excluded in planning processes and policy development (Q1 2021)
 - Initial roster will vote on a chair, vice chair and develop work plan
 - Propose recommendations that internalize diversity and community inclusion in MORPC's energy and air quality activities (Q2 2021)
 - This may include policy recommendations and other suggestions made by the Equity Subcommittee
- **PROCESS GOAL:** What we don't know that we don't know → what we know and what we can defend, support, encourage, etc.

Equity Subcommittee Update



DISCUSSION

- Are we headed in the right direction?
- Volunteers to assist in outreach?
- Other thoughts, questions, suggestions?

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