

**DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
TOXICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 4, 2013**

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The DRBC Toxics Advisory Committee meeting, chaired by Wayne Jackson, was held on September 4, 2013 at the DRBC offices in West Trenton, New Jersey

- Announcements
 - Final Rule: Aquatic Life Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia, 2013
 - Natural Gas Baseline Monitoring: Toxicity Testing Reports are available at <http://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/natural/baseline-monitoring.html>
- Meeting Purpose Statement - Carol R. Collier, DRBC Executive Director
- Overview of Implementation Strategy for PCBs for Zones 2 - 6 of the Delaware River Estuary - Dr. Fikslin, DRBC
<http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/library/documents/implementation-strategyPCB0713.pdf>
- Comments
 - Regulated Community representative stated that he was pleased with the progress to date.
 - Action Level in PCB implementation strategy
 - How will action level (“AL”) be determined?
 - How to judge when an AL exceedance occurs? What actions are required?
 - An AL for both Dry and Wet conditions may be necessary.
 - A motion to task a subcommittee to recommend options for determination of action levels and associated options did not pass by a vote of 5 - yes, 3- no, and 1 – abstention (by-laws require a minimum of 6 votes).
 - DRBC will coordinate a meeting of co-regulators on the topic of action level to discuss procedures to establish the AL.
 - How is Total PCB Defined? - Total PCB is defined as sum of 209 PCB congeners without double-counting co-eluting congeners after blank correction.
 - Are stormwater discharges covered? - If they are specifically identified in a NPDES permit. The PMP is also facility-wide including these discharges..
 - Can a net load be considered? - Net load is determined using intake credits approach following procedures in Article 4 of DRBC regulations, or state water quality/permitting regulations

State Representatives: NJ- Debra Hammond; PA- Tom Starosta; DE- Richard Greene; NY- Jason Fagel (by phone). There were twenty-four other attendees.