

**Minutes
Public Hearing
of the
Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board
October 16, 2013**

A public hearing of the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board was called to order on October 16, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District, 850 Barret Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, by the Chairman, Dr. Robert Powell.

General Statement, Rules and Purpose

The Chairman read the opening announcements, rules and purpose of the public hearing, which was to review an Agreed Board Order with Rohm and Haas Chemicals LLC.

1. Agreed Board Order with Rohm and Haas Chemicals LLC

Ms. Phelps, Enforcement Manager, asked the Board to consider and adopt a proposed Order that alleged that Rohm and Haas Chemicals had violated District Regulations 1.07 and 2.16, and required the company to pay a penalty. The company agreed to the terms of the Order.

In October 2012, the company reported an unintended release of hazardous air pollutants that occurred in March 2012, when a valve from a production unit to the Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer remained closed after maintenance work was conducted. As a result, emissions from the production unit were uncontrolled and exceeded the company's permit limit, which limits bypasses of the control device to 1.2 hours per day. The valve remained closed for 12.5 days, during which time an estimated 170 lbs. of toluene and nine lbs. of methyl methacrylate were released. The company reported the deviation in their semi-annual report in August 2012, rather than reporting the excess emissions when it was discovered. The company did submit an excess emissions report of the event when it was required by the District in October 2012, and submitted additional information in September 2013, regarding steps taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future. The company updated their lockout procedures for maintenance work and retrained employees in proper reconciliation processes.

Ms. Phelps said the company agreed to a penalty of \$19,500 to resolve the case. She said the District would recommend adoption of the Agreed Board Order.

Adjourn

The public hearing adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Robert W. Powell, M.D.
Chairman

Rachael Hamilton
Secretary-Treasurer