

RAQPC Action Item Summary

RAQPC Bylaws: Article 2: Section 2

2. Review and make recommendations to H-GAC Board of Directors on proposed air quality rules, regulations, and guidances.

Discussion:

Advisory Committees are formed by H-GAC's Board of Directors to secure information, expertise and recommendations in the diverse areas of H-GAC's work. RAQPC is tasked with remaining current with environmental issues and plans in order to provide the Board of Directors accurate information to make sound decisions on environmental issues.

Summary:

RAQPC previously approved to recommend that the H-GAC Board of Directors submit comments to the TCEQ regarding Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting in counties neighboring a nonattainment area.

During the November Board of Directors meeting, the Board agreed to submit comments to the TCEQ regarding PSD permitting in counties neighboring a nonattainment area. However, the Board expressed concern that the requests to be used in the comment were not detailed. Staff was advised to reconsider the phrasing of the requests to be more specific before presenting the draft letter to the Executive Director.

The Subcommittee will reconvene on December 2nd to address the Board's concern, and modify the draft of the comment letter. As the Board approved submitting the comment, there is no need to present the comment to the Board again.

Approval provides Staff the assurance that the new version of the draft comment letter accurately reflects the concerns of RAQPC.