

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 EPA regarding strengthening of the regulatory standards on coal-fired power plants.

During the April Board of Directors meeting, the Board agreed to submit comments to the EPA regarding strengthening of the regulatory standards on coal-fired power plants.

It was determined that the EPA has yet to officially publish the revised new performance standards (NSPS) on electrical utility steam generating units (EGU), and that the commenting period has yet to begin. The Taskforce has created a draft letter to submit to H-GAC once the comment period is open.

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