

Minutes Odor Task Force  
May 25, 2016

The Odor Task Force held a regular meeting at 6:00 PM, in the City of Pearland, Convention and Visitors Bureau Office, located at 11200 Broadway, Suite 1390 in Pearland, Texas.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Roll Call: The following members were in attendance at the meeting:

Sparkle Anderson  
Jon R. Branson  
Trent Epperson  
Nina Gutierrez-Garcia  
Lucian Hill  
Kevin McCloud  
Laurie Rodriguez  
Maria Shaw  
Eric Wilson

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes from the May 11, 2016, Odor Task Force Meeting:

A motion was made by Lucian Hill to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kevin McCloud and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding updates:

- A. Frequently Asked Questions – An update was provided on the FAQ's which are located on the City's Opt-In-Web Page. They have been finalized and are available for review.
- B. City Testing – It is anticipated the City will receive canisters to perform testing for Sulfides within the next couple of days. The typically protocol for these types of canisters is a 12 minute testing sample. Most likely, the City will hire a separate testing laboratory to do testing as TECQ cannot take enforcement action based on other organization's testing protocols. It is anticipated the City will share those results with TCEQ as they are made available.
- C. TECQ Testing – TECQ has numerous investigations that are currently underway. They have additional testing's planned for the near future and have a plan in place on how to attack the issue even though the winds are primarily out of the south, southeast at this time.

TCEQ will be sampling at numerous locations based on the prevailing winds anticipated for that testing time period. There have been no definitive findings as of this point by TCEQ.

D. Odor Identification Training - It was discussed that the City would be willing to provide Odor Identification Training to the Public to help identify “categories of smells” during an odor event. The purpose would be to aid the City and TCEQ in identify potential causes of the odors. The Task Force felt that Odor Identification training was not needed at this time however, it should be considered at another time once we are closer to season when the training would be useful.

5. Open discussion:

The report that Lucian Hill provided to the Task Force at the May 11, 2016, meeting was sent to TCEQ for review. Kevin McCloud’s Division has since sent that on to the Operations Division for their review and consideration.

Some of the Task Force Members have not received an email from the Opt-In Page after the FAQ’s were posted on the site. The City agreed to review and update the list accordingly.

It was discussed at the meeting that at this time it was important to make sure that all residents call and report any odor event directly to TCEQ at the (713) 767-3714 number. This will get the quickest response from TCEQ.

Kevin McCloud discussed the process for an entity to be cited by TCEQ. The process consists of the violator being issued a Notice of Violation. Once the notice is issued, the entity has 30 days to come into compliance. Depending on the type and duration of the Notice of Violation and compliance by the entity, no further action may be warranted. TCEQ can also issue a Notice of Enforcement. If this occurs, TCEQ will issue an Agreed Order. This is followed by fines/penalty’s and other possible enforcement action.

6. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled to take place in approximately one month on June 22, 2016. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau Conference Room.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.