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## **Monthly Report from CDPHE to the North Front Range Transportation and Air Quality Planning Council May 2, 2019**

- John Putnam will join CDPHE as the new Environmental Programs Director, starting May 6. John is the current chair and longtime member of the Regional Air Quality Council. He is an environmental attorney with over 25 years of experience, most recently as Managing Partner of Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP. He has represented states, counties, cities, and clean electricity producers on complex environmental, transportation, and energy problems nationwide. He has expertise in the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, transportation impacts and noise.
- With new CDPHE leadership and the end of the legislative session approaching, the Division is determining how new directives will be integrated into our current processes. Continuing forward we will inform you as additional information becomes available.
- April 18, 2019 AQCC Meeting Summary:
  - Regulation Number 21: The Division requested an July 2019 AQCC hearing to consider establishing a new regulation to limit the VOC content in architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings and consumer products, similar to Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) model rules.
  - Monitoring in the Globeville-Elyria-Swansea area: The Division, National Jewish Hospital and Denver Department of Public Health and Environment representatives provided an overview of the monitoring data and the potential health effects from air monitoring and community outreach work performed in the Globeville-Elyria-Swansea area. This work was done under two different EPA grants, a STAR Grant and a Community-Scale Air Toxics Monitoring Grant.
  - Periodic Ozone Update: The Division and Regional Air Quality Council provided an overview of the upcoming 2019 ozone season including forecasts and ongoing efforts to reduce ozone-forming emissions.
  - Voluntary Emission Reduction Efforts: The Colorado Oil and Gas Association gave a presentation regarding voluntary ozone-forming emission reduction efforts that have been employed by the oil and gas industry since the inception of the Division's voluntary emission reduction forecasting program.
  - Coal Mine Methane Emissions: The Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety, the Air Pollution Control Division, and representatives from Vessels Coal Gas, Inc. presented on issues concerning coal mine methane emissions in Colorado.
- The Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) and the Colorado School of Public Health will host an Air Quality and Health Symposium on May 9, 2019 at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. The symposium will provide an

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update on some of the most critical air quality issues facing Colorado including the effects of ozone, particulate matter, and traffic-related pollution. The symposium will cover implications of climate change for health of Colorado residents. An additional goal is to provide the Commissioners with an update in the context of an ever-increasing body of evidence.

Consequently, these topics will be framed to be relevant to Front Range communities, given the high levels of traffic-associated pollution, ozone, and exposure to industrial activities within this geographic region, in association with a growing population. Additional details are available at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/aqcc-meeting-materials-may-9-2019>

- Pneumatic Controller Task Force update: The Division has received all of the data from the study that was conducted last summer. We have completed a preliminary analysis of the data we received. In summary, the survey effort was conducted on 179 oil and gas production facilities and resulted in over 3,800 individual natural gas-driven pneumatic controller survey results. Of those 3,800 controllers, about 6% we found to be improperly operating. The Taskforce will give a public briefing to the AQCC next month for anyone interested.
- The Division published a guidance document for county agencies regard PurpleAir PM sensors. Included in the document is information on how a city or county can request to borrow a PurpleAir sensor from the Division when PM is of high concern, such as wildfire season. Contact [richard.coffin@state.co.us](mailto:richard.coffin@state.co.us) for a copy of the guidance.
- Upcoming AQCC Meeting - May 10, 2019:
  - The Division will request that the Commission set a hearing to consider specific provisions of the California Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) requiring vehicle manufacturers to offer for sale a percentage of zero emitting vehicles.

