

Alternative Fuels Subgroup Meeting Notes

Meeting Details:

- Date: June 29, 2022, 3:30 PM – 5 PM

Council Member Participants:

- Doreen Harris
- Richard Ball
- Henry Spliethoff (obo Mary Bassett)
- Donna DeCarolis
- Dennis Elsenbeck
- Bob Howarth
- Peter Iwanowicz
- Anne Reynolds

Meeting Agenda/Topics Covered:

- Presentation on co-pollutant impacts of the combustion of low-carbon fuels
 - The subgroup received a presentation on a memo prepared by Abt Associates on the comparison of combustion impacts between fossil fuels and alternative fuels.
 - The subgroup identified various areas that they'd like to have further discussion and receive additional analysis (e.g., lifecycle emissions profiles).
 - The subgroup discussed the varying information available regarding NOx emissions from hydrogen combustion, as well as whether or not current studies should be leveraged as the CAC and the Scoping Plan process progresses.
- Discussion of CJWG feedback on alternative fuels in the Draft Scoping Plan
 - The subgroup reviewed a compilation of CJWG feedback on various alternative fuels throughout the draft plan.
 - The subgroup discussed the specifics that need to be considered regarding reduction of co-pollutants pursuant to the CLCPA.
 - The subgroup discussed the considerations around use of alternative fuels in disadvantaged communities and how to properly address and respond to the concerns from the CJWG (e.g., on-site use of alternative fuels; balancing grid resiliency and use of alternative fuels for hard-to-electrify uses).
- Review of assessment criteria for alternative fuel use
 - The subgroup continued the review of threshold assessment criteria and complex assessment criteria for alternative fuel use.
 - **Action item:** Staff will further revise the assessment criteria based on the discussion and recirculate to the subgroup for review.
 - The subgroup agreed to report out to the CAC on the alternative fuel definitions and assessment criteria.
- Next steps
 - The subgroup will discuss GHG accounting in the next meeting.