

Alternative Fuels Subgroup Meeting Notes

Meeting Details:

- Date: September 7, 2022, 3:30 PM – 5 PM

Council Member Participants:

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

Meeting Agenda/Topics Covered:

- Procedures
 - The subgroup discussed the need to prepare to report out to the CAC at the next meeting.
 - The subgroup agreed to continue coordinating with the Gas System Transition subgroup, specifically on the topic of alternative fuel use in existing pipeline infrastructure.
- Assessment of Agriculture and Forestry recommendations
 - The subgroup discussed the recommendations related to alternative fuels in the agriculture and forestry sectors.
 - The subgroup continues to discuss the prioritization of on-site use of fuels, while taking into consideration the best end-use applications (e.g., some equipment may be more effectively electrified than others).
 - The subgroup discussed the need to manage for methane beyond leak detection and repair in agricultural systems (mitigation of methane in AD by-products).
 - The subgroup agrees that AD of waste should be utilized effectively and efficiently.
 - RNG production must have better controls for methane leakage than in past systems
 - The subgroup also discussed the importance of understanding the potential for RNG production in NY.
 - In general, the subgroup agrees that use of fuels in this sector should be limited and strategic and explicitly recommend the need to reduce co-pollutants.
- Assessment of Local Government recommendations
 - The subgroup discussed need to clarify the various fuels mentioned and align them with the established definitions.
 - Subgroup discussed aligning this recommendation more closely with strategies for biogas use in the Waste chapter
- Next steps
 - The subgroup will hold its final meeting and continue to coordinate with the Gas System Transition group.