ELECTRONIC MEETINGS
PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

WE NEED YOUR HELP--Please give us your feedback regarding how meetings using electronic communications technology compare to traditional meetings where everyone is present in the same room at the same time.

1. Name of the public body holding the meeting: VA Air Pollution Control Board

2. Date of the meeting: December 3, 2020

3. What are your overall thoughts or comments about this meeting? The meeting was excellent. Members of the Board asked thoughtful questions; the VA DEQ presented comprehensive information; and the public was both well informed and highly respectful.

4. Where did you attend this meeting -- main meeting location OR from a remote location? (circle one)

5. Technology used for the meeting (audio only or audio/visual, devices and/or software used--please be as specific as possible--for example, speakerphone, iPad, Skype, WebEx, Telepresence, etc.): Zoom

6. Were you able to hear everyone who spoke at the meeting (members of the body and members of the public)?

   Poor 1 2 3 4 Excellent 5

   COMMENT Meeting moderator could perhaps remind speakers, periodically, to mute their devices when not speaking . . . it is especially disquieting to hear barking dogs, flushing toilets, etc.

7. How easy was it for you to obtain agenda materials for this meeting?

   Easy 1 2 3 4 5

   COMMENT___________________________________________________________

8. Could you hear/understand what the speakers said or did static, interruption, or any other technological problems interfere?

   Easy 1 2 3 4 5

   COMMENT___________________________________________________________

9. If the meeting used audio/visual technology, were you able to see all of the people who spoke?

   Poorly 1 2 3 4 Clearly 5
The .ppt slides were excellent, but it was odd to see Board members only as frozen images . . .

10. If there were any presentations (PowerPoint, etc.), were you able to hear and see them?

Poorly
Clearly

1 2 3 4 5

11. Were the members as attentive and did they participate as much as you would have expected?

Less
More

1 2 3 4 5

12. Were there differences you noticed in how the members interacted?

With the other members present:

Very Different
No Difference

1 2 3 4 5

With members participating from other locations:

Very Different
No Difference

1 2 3 4 5

With the public:

Very Different
No Difference

1 2 3 4 5

13. Did you feel the technology was a help or a hindrance?

Hindered
Helped

1 2 3 4 5

14. How would you rate the overall quality of this meeting?

Poor
Excellent

1 2 3 4 5

As noted above, I thought that this meeting was excellent. Congratulations to all.

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