

20160104 BoRit CAG Meeting

TASC Review Presentation

Daniel Dowling Legion Hall

The meeting began shortly after 6:30 PM. Present were Steve Maroldo, Diane Morgan, Carol DiPietro, Sal Boccuti, Chris Raines, John Ferro, Susan Curry and Bob Adams from the CAG. Co-chair Sharon Vargas worked tirelessly to set this meeting up and make sure everything was ready, but was out with laryngitis.

Michael Lythcott from SKEO presented the TASC Review of BoRit Asbestos Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP).

Mr. Lythcott began by reviewing the TASC program and SKEO's role as an independent contractor paid by EPA to provide community groups with technical expertise. He reviewed the Superfund process, stating that BoRit has gone through the Feasibility study, and using data collected from the site, has released the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). This is what SKEO has reviewed for the CAG.

There are five sites in the plan:

Whitpain parcel

Pile Parcel

Wissahickon Waterfowl Preserve bottom

Wissahickon Waterfowl Preserve banks

Stream banks

Now the PRAP can be analyzed and commented on by the state of Pennsylvania (DEP) and by the community surrounding the site. EPA has scheduled a community meeting to be held at this venue On January 5 (tomorrow night). The SKEO team will repeat the presentation they gave to the CAG tonight, but with more emphasis on how the community can best respond and comment on the PRAP. This will be followed by a meeting for the larger community at the Ambler Town Hall at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 10th. Verbal comments will be accepted at this meeting.

If CAG member want to respond with their own comments, they can do so by mail or email.

A WORD ABOUT THAT- MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING FOR THE CAG. The CAG RR&M Group will meet to discuss how the CAG should respond.

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Someone asked if the proposed remedy is implemented, what would be done aside of the work done by the Removal Action. Correcting the slope on the three streams that go through the site was one thing.

Some questions that CAG members raised about the PRAP:

- How quickly do repairs get made
- What will be the protection against ground hogs and other burrowing animals
- How often will inspections take place, and what will be inspected besides air quality
- Is there any historical data on the stability of caps?
- Why not add two more feet, just to be on the safe side?

Some questions that SKEO suggested that we ask:

- What will site inspections entail? What will be tested besides air quality? How often?
- That there be several inspections in the first few years until the site vegetation has stabilized.
- That there be signage with phone numbers to call if citizens see any damage to the soil cap or site vandalism
- Who pays for maintenance and repairs, short- and long-term
- Why is the cap two feet deep in some places and inches in others
- Will heavy metals and SVOC's found on the site migrate to the water table
- The PRAP says "sampling *may* include"; change to "sampling *will* include".
- How will stormwater runoff be managed on the site
- The PRAP Institutional Controls require that people stay out of the site after flooding events. How will access be restricted?

The CAG thanked Michael Lythcott for his presentation. It was decided that we will need another extension to our deadline of February 1st, since that will be the night of the next scheduled CAG meeting. Bob Adams will write a request for that. It was also decided that the CAG should have an extra meeting between now and February 1st, since we need to discuss the TASC review and then decide how we will respond as a group. Carol DiPietro volunteered to ask Ambler Borough if we could meet in the Borough Hall.

CAG members helped put the room together for tomorrow night. Meeting adjourned at about 8:30