

## 20170412 BORIT CAG MINUTES

The regular meeting of the BoRit CAG was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Dublin Township Building, Loch Alsh Avenue, Ambler, Pennsylvania. Co-Chairs Sharon Vargas and Bob Adams called the meeting to order and presided.

The March 1, 2017, meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

The meeting began with an update presented by Greg Voigt of the EPA of the status of the Ambler piles. A site inspection report indicated points of failure and suggested remedies. Federal Mogul, the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP), is paying \$1,000,000 for the repairs to the cap that failed in spots because of storm water eroding areas of the cap that compromised the cap's protectiveness. The work will start near the end of this month and should be finished by the end of May. The first step is to clear away the vegetation in the areas that have been marked for repair. The contractor will install a non-degradable geotex fabric, a minimum of 6 inches of clean fill and then a seed mix. Some areas have exposed ACM. NESHAP requires a minimum of 6 inches of clean fill and vegetation or 2 feet of clean fill without vegetation. Because of the steep slopes, 2 feet of clean fill would not be possible.

The second step is to repair the drainage system on the large pile to keep water run-off from eroding the steep slopes. Perforated pipe will be used to drain water away. Dust suppression during the work will be a priority to minimize exposure. Wetting the site and sampling before, during and after the work will be part of the effort to minimize exposure.

Many members expressed concern about the 6 inches of fill not being enough to guard against the deer and rodents that have been compromising the cap and slopes.

Gina Soscia, of the EPA updated the members on the status of the ROD for the BoRit site. Eduardo and his team have now returned to complete the removal action which should be in June. The southern end of the Park Parcel will be brought up to final grade to get the proper drainage, then seeded. The entire site will be mowed on an annual basis. Bob Adams suggested the mowing take place in February to allow the wild flowers to go to seed before mowing. Then the site transfers to remediation. The ROD is expected to come out sometime this summer. Until then inspections of the site will be biweekly. The ROD is the final decision for the site. The first step was the release of the plan to allow public comment. The second step is in progress with the EPA reviewing the comments, consulting with the state, and preparing a Responsive Summary. The comments will be grouped into themes.

Michael Anderson, Coordinator of University of Penn's Superfund Research Project, is requesting the members help in finding subjects for interviews and/or volunteer to be interviewed. The study is to understand how different kinds of exposure to asbestos may be linked to the development of mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases in the Ambler area. The study targets three zip codes, Ambler, Fort Washington, and Blue Bell. Sharon Vargas has been trained to conduct interviews. The study is non-invasive, just oral interviews.

The next regular meeting is June 7. However, if there are no items for the Agenda, the meeting will be cancelled. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.