

BoRit Asbestos Superfund Site Community Advisory Group
Ambler / Upper Dublin / Whitpain, Pennsylvania

Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Location: Upper Dublin Township Building, 801 Loch Alsh Ave. Fort Washington, Pa 19002

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Attended by: See attached

6:30pm: Meeting commencement

Welcome & Announcements

- It was noted that the EPA, other than the Community Involvement Coordinator will not attend CAG meetings unless they have a presentation, in order to get them to attend action, must be taken by the CAG.
- *Review Agenda:* Mr. Boccuti will present the revised CAG Response to Remedial Action Phase 1 for discussion.
- *Approve July Minutes:* Most members of the group thought the July minutes to be too long, and asked that they be better summarized into a brief account of what went on at the meeting, rather than a who said what summary. Also, the attendance for the meeting should be listed more clearly, as to who was present and who was not. Alternates need not be listed unless they are filling in for their seat at that meeting. Minutes for July were approved.
- *No announcements*

6:52pm: Discussion: CAG response to Remedial Action Phase 1 Sampling Results.

- Overall consensus was that the CAG response is generally good; however, some thought that the ending could be perceived as vague in its language. In order to clear up this perceived vagueness, Lynn Hoffmann proposed including a simple paragraph at the beginning of the response that would state the CAG's concerns and what the CAG is requesting.
- Problems arose because the results contained a significant amount of J flag and F flag data. CAG members do not fully understand their significance and need clarification.
- Lora Werner informed the CAG that the preliminary report given to the CAG by the EPA is unclear, and does not include lab results, so when that data becomes available it should become more understandable to the CAG.
- A proposed change to the wording in the final paragraph was proposed by Sal Boccuti to read "reanalyze archive samples". He also reminded the members that the response is due by August 9th, 2010
- Dave Froehlich suggested that since the Flag data is unclear, he would like to ask EPA to explain the data better. The general consensus of the CAG was that the EPA needs to further explain their scientific data, in laymen's terms, so that the CAG can better understand and be better able to determine what it wants from the EPA. The CAG needs to better understand the flagged data as well as Q/A and Q/C procedures

- Ending consensus was that the response is good up until the last paragraph which needs better wording, and that a short overview of what the CAG wants should be added to the beginning of the response. Lynn Hoffmann began working on the short review at to have it finished by the end of the meeting for approval by members. The response will be sent off as an email to the EPA. It was approved through a straw vote.

7:25pm: Discussion: CAG request for a “Negative Pressure Tent” on site.

- Negative pressure tent was proposed because the Wetting technique does not seem to be working, and it would be more comforting to the community to see that the asbestos is covered by what would most likely be an acre size tent.
- Some members of the CAG suggest that the EPA approved the Wetting technique because they thought it the best way to remove asbestos. Letter from Vance Evans was distributed to some members of the CAG that explained the Wetting technique and why it is working. All members of the CAG were encouraged to read the letter.
- General feeling among the CAG was that they could not ask for a negative pressure tent because they do not have the scientific expertise to know if it is even possible on the site. EPA should come to next meeting to discuss the possibility of a negative pressure tent.
- Main concern among CAG members comes from their communities; some CAG members feel that the EPA isn't doing enough to reassure citizens that they are cleaning up in the best manner possible.
- It was suggested that a letter be sent to EPA expressing the member's concerns, and request that the EPA attend the September 1st meeting to explain the science behind their techniques.
- It was decided that the CAG hold off on sending the request for a Negative Pressure Tent until the EPA has had a chance to respond.

8:04pm: Discussion: Proposed Rule Changes by the Rules Committee.

- *Sharon Mudambi, Sharon McCormick and Eileen Fournier*
 - o Marked changes:
 1. Each CAG member can only represent one group at a time.
 2. Allow voting for formal positions: In order to achieve passage, a 2/3rds majority vote is needed by the members present once a quorum has been established. A quorum for the CAG is twelve (12) members.
 3. Any proposed rule changes must be sent out 2 weeks before vote for ample time to review.
- The rule changes listed above go into effect August 4, 2010, however it was proposed that the CAG wait until the next meeting to allow time for review of the rule changes.
- Susan Curry had some other proposed rule changes but for the sake of time she was encouraged to meet with the Rules Committee at another time to discuss them.

8:26pm: Workgroup Reports

- Future Plans did not meet

- Community Awareness: working on website, attempting to create a mailing list. The CAG must create their own mailing list.
- *Lora Werner's Workgroup*:
 1. Environmental Data: clearly designated areas, outside boundaries
 2. Potency of fiber types
 3. Frequency of detection in groundwater: must clarify to make sure that there is no risk in evaporated water.
- Nominations for chairs must be made 2 months prior to the date for the election; Current nominations are due as soon as possible.
- *Lynn Hoffmann*: Finished writing up the overview that will go at the beginning of the CAG response to Remedial Action Phase letter:
 - o Lists comments and concerns, especially asbestos types between Phase 1 and Phase 2.
 - o J/F Flag data needs to be better explained.
 - o Consensus among the CAG that her paragraph was acceptable and it will be edited and sent out.

8:35pm: Observer Comments

- 1 member from the press attended
- *Judy*: suggested that the CAG needed to put their foot down and tell the EPA what to do because she feels that the EPA is doing it wrong. She was assured that the CAG is taking all the steps it can to fix the problem.

8:40pm: Old Business – New Business – Next Steps

- *New Business*: Sharon McCormick encouraged other members of the CAG to look at the NESHAP Law, which is allowing the EPA to operate the clean-up using their current operating procedures.
- Under NESHAP, the dust must be visible in the air. It is sometimes impossible to tell if asbestos is in the air if it is in small quantities.

8:45pm: Adjourn

Seconded by Dave Froehlich

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