

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP**  
***BoRit Asbestos Area***  
**Ambler / Upper Dublin / Whitpain, Pennsylvania**

To: BoRit Asbestos Area Community Advisory Group  
From: Alisa Hefner, E2 Inc.  
Date: December 12, 2008  
Subject: **Summary of the Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008, BoRit CAG Meeting**

**Next Meeting.**

The next BoRit Asbestos Area CAG meeting will be held as follows:

Date: February 4, 2009  
Time: 6:30 – 7:29 p.m. Executive Session  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Public Meeting  
Location: Upper Dublin Township Meeting Room  
801 Loch Alsh Avenue  
Fort Washington, PA 19034

If you have questions or comments regarding the upcoming meeting or about this summary, please contact CAG Co-Chairs Bob Adams and Fred Conner.

**CAG Attendees.**

All Members were present except for: Flo Wise, Dave Caddick, and Bud Wahl was represented by Mary Maxion. The Ambler Parcel owner was not present.

**Observers.**

Approximately 15 Observers were present for at least part of the meeting.

**Meeting Highlights.**

- Welcome and Administrative Announcements
- Workgroup Reports
- Presentation: “*Review of Possible Rules Changes*” by Joanne Walker
- Discussion on changes to operating procedures
- TASC updates

CAG Co-Chair Bob Adams opened the meeting by welcoming all Members and Observers in attendance and reviewing the guidelines for meeting conduct. Mr. Adams recognized Miranda Maupin and Alisa Hefner from E<sup>2</sup> Inc. The Co-chair asked if there were any questions or comments on the meeting summary from November. There were no comments. CAG Co-Chair Mr. Fred Conner reminded the group about the Site Operations Teleconference on Fridays at 3pm led by EPA OSC Eduardo Rovira.

## **Workgroup Reports.**

### **1. Future Plans Workgroup - Sal Boccuti**

- The group met earlier this evening to discuss reuse goals for the site. The meeting was facilitated by TASC contractors, Miranda Maupin and Alisa Hefner of E<sup>2</sup> Inc. A summary of the meeting will be prepared by E<sup>2</sup> Inc. and shared with the workgroup.

### **2. Removal/Remediation and Monitoring Oversight (R/R&M) Workgrp.- Eric Lindhult**

- The group recently met with EPA to review on site response activities, the discussion included ensuring construction vehicles tires were washed thoroughly, nature and source of the soil cover, ensuring site travel stayed on gravel paths, and air monitoring results and risks were within acceptable ranges.
- For those new to the group, Mr. Lindhult summarized that the removal action activities to date included removing trees along the Wissahickon River in preparation for placing clean soil along the bank. Next, rip rap and geocells would be installed along the stream bank. The goal, weather permitting, is to continue the stream bank restoration work down to Rose Valley Creek during this construction season.
- CAG Member, Sharon McCormick inquired about high levels on a recent air monitoring results, the associated risk, and action taken to notify community of potential threats. Several CAG members, including Lynn Hoffman, Joanne Walker, Roman Pronczak, Eileen Fournier, and Lora Werner discussed different notification options, including cell phone notification and ReadyPa.org. The group discussed that EPA should state three different ways for notifying the community. CAG Member, Lynn Hoffman noted that she had observed monitoring stands without monitoring equipment during work activity on site. The group discussed the different types of monitoring and sampling at the site and the logs kept by EPA.
- ATSDR Representative, Lora Werner indicated that if there is no off-site release then there is no need to notify the public in the event of a high air monitoring reading on site. The group would be interested in notifying the public of periods high work activity on site. CAG member, Fred Robinson explained the best way to notify West Ambler residents is by working with Block Captains and posting flyers on telephone poles. In the past, the community has successfully worked with Wissahickon Fire Department to notify residents of time sensitive information, which included driving the streets and broadcasting announcements over a loud speaker.

### **3. Health, Environment, Risk & Safety (HERS) Workgroup – Dr. Michelle Naps**

- The group has been planning a community update event, which will include presentations, like Dr. Emmett's asbestos presentation, and provide community members an opportunity to ask questions and discuss their needs and concerns. The event is scheduled for January 31st, 2009.

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- The group shared a flyer and draft agenda. The group hopes to announce the event at the upcoming Toys for Tots event at the American Legion Post on December 13. Mr. Fred Robinson noted the Toys for Tots event is a good way to reach a lot of residents.
- ATSDR Representative, Lora Werner provided a status update on the research the group has done related to increased rodent activity. Renters can ask for assistance from the Health Department to work with the landlord to address the problem. There is limited assistance the Health Department can offer to home owners. Winterizing homes is an option for rodent protection, which may be one of the topics covered in the community update event. Michael Lythcott asked if the increase in rodents was based on construction activities or a natural, weather related phenomenon. Ms. Werner and Fred Robinson noted that the increase of rodents occurred before the weather change and that it appears related to the construction activity.

#### **4. Community Awareness (CA) Workgroup - Diane Morgan**

- Ms. Morgan reviewed the attendees of the last meeting and announced two CAG members have joined the workgroup. Ms. Morgan noted that the Ambler Gazette representative could no longer cover all meetings, but could cover special meetings or public announcements.
- The group is interested in working with E<sup>2</sup> Inc. under the EPA TASC program to create a website for the site. There is also a lot of political support from local and state politicians, and the group is interested in staging a public announcement on the Superfund status of the site.
- Ms. Morgan noted that some houses were not receiving EPA correspondence. Other CAG members added that entire streets were omitted from EPA mailing lists. EPA CIC Francisco Cruz requested that people please contact him so that he can address the problem and ensure the address database is updated.
- The group is also interested developing a presentation to give at schools to inform students of the associated risks of asbestos contact. A video on You Tube of children playing on the asbestos piles was referenced. The group also discussed developing an asbestos awareness flyer that would provide general information on asbestos that could be shared at the January community update event.

#### **5. Rules Committee – Joanne Walker**

- CAG Co-Chair Fred Conner introduced CAG member, Joanne Walker to give a presentation on the work of the rules committee. Handouts of the presentation titled “Review of Possible Rules Changes” were distributed. The presentation focused on key topics to be addressed in upcoming revisions to the CAG’s operating procedures. At this time, Ms. Walker asked CAG members Eileen Fournier and Sharon McCormick to take notes so that the committee could incorporate specific comments and issues. Ms. Walker asked that comments and questions be held to after the presentation.

### **Observer Comments.**

After the presentation, Co-Chair Fred Conner asked for observer comments. Two observers had comments and clarifying questions. Comments were captured by the Rules Committee and Ms. Walker addressed the observer's question about how rules were established.

Francisco Cruz introduced himself and Vance Evans as the new Community Involvement Coordinators (CIC) for EPA. Mr. Cruz noted that he would follow up with the Co-chairs on EPA-related items brought up during the meeting. Susan Curry requested the Co-Chairs to share correspondence between the CICs and Co-Chairs with the CAG.

In the interest of time, the group briefly discussed which operating procedure topics to focus their discussion on after the break.

### **BREAK**

### **Discussion on the Rules Committee Report.**

Joanne Walker facilitated a discussion on revising the CAG's operating procedures (or "charter"). CAG members Eileen Fournier and Sharon McCormick took notes during the discussion. The major focus of the discussion included:

- Voting procedures
- Nomination process
- Membership
- Terms for co-chairs
- Annual reorganization meeting
- Job description for co-chairs

Ms. Walker concluded that the committee would take the comments from the meeting, draft new language for the operating procedures. The draft would be shared with the CAG for comments and edits.

### **Future Meetings.**

Co-Chair Fred Conner facilitated a group discussion about future CAG meetings. The group decided there would not be a January meeting. The next meeting would occur in February, with an executive session that would be closed to the public from 6:30-7:00pm, followed by a public meeting beginning at 7:00pm. The agenda has not been set but could include an ATSDR presentation and health update.

Co-Chair Fred Conner briefly introduced the idea of an all-day planning charrette in the spring. Mr. Conner stated he follow up with the Future Plans Workgroup to discuss the idea further and how it would fit with the work the group is already working on.

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**Next Steps and Action Items.**

Michael Lythcott provided a recap of current TASC support and potential requests. The group can access technical support from Michelle Benchouk of Booz Allen Hamilton for remedial and asbestos issues and Doug Streaker of Biohabitats for stream bank restoration technical support. Technical support must be requested by the CAG. The group discussed interest in technical assistance from Mr. Streaker. Eric Lindhult stated he would draft a request to send to the Co-chairs.

Mr. Lythcott provided an update on the work on the CAG website and newsletter that is being provided by E<sup>2</sup> Inc. under the EPA TASC program. Ms. Johnny Zimmerman-Ward is available to develop the website. The draft website shared with the group is a prototype as a basis for discussion. Co-chair Fred Conner stated that the planning process is still underway. He suggested that while the website reflects the consensus of the group, the site should remain live while comments and redactions are addressed. The website could also be a site repository for documents.

Mr. Lythcott also reviewed the reuse planning process services provided under the EPA TASC program. Miranda Maupin and Alisa Hefner of E<sup>2</sup> Inc. will be working with the Future Plans Workgroup. Mr. Lythcott and Ms. Maupin explained that the reuse planning process typically consists of three phases: developing reuse goals, drafting a reuse assessment based on a site and community analysis, and developing a reuse framework that is flexible and can be adapted over time as needed.

CAG member, Lynn Hoffman inquired about the process for requesting and fulfilling technical services under the EPA TASC program. Mr. Lythcott clarified that E<sup>2</sup> Inc. would provide technical assistance with in-house staff if available. If requested services cannot be fulfilled by E<sup>2</sup> Inc., then E<sup>2</sup> Inc. would locate candidates. The request for reuse planning technical services was made by the Future Plans Workgroup and could be fulfilled by E<sup>2</sup> Inc. staff, Miranda Maupin and Alisa Hefner. Ms. Hoffman requested resumes for Ms. Maupin and Ms. Hefner.

Co-chair Fred Conner and Dr. Emmett stated that an intern may be available to the CAG from the University of Pennsylvania.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.