

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

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Location: Upper Dublin Township Building
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Attendees: See Attached List

Health, Environment, Risk & Safety (HERS) Group -Report from Lora Werner (ATSDR)

Water testing Update

-Ambler Borough Water Dept did tests at the tap in 4 places. The sample locations were chosen by PADEP and were selected based on the locations of the system that have asbestos containing material (ACM) pipes (no Ambler Borough locations were included because there are not ACM pipes in the Borough). Three out of the four tap samples were non detect for asbestos fibers. The 4th sample initially indicated a single fiber; reanalysis was conducted on this sample and this result was not confirmed. All samples meet the drinking water standard of 7 million fibers per liter.

-Summary to come from ATSDR comparing the contaminants found in groundwater at the Borit site in the Phase 1 report with the contaminants routinely monitored for by the Ambler Borough Water Department under the Safe Drinking Water Act. .

--The HERS Workgroup may not pursue a written letter to the Futures Workgroup on the public health benefits of open space recreational use at the site, because there is not a consensus within the group.

-Concerns raised by some members included testing for asbestos at taps in other areas served by the Ambler Borough water supply (including downtown Ambler); and testing the source water for asbestos at all the public water system supply wells contributing to the Ambler Borough public water system

-Co-Chairs will gather list of topics for Ambler Water Dept. to address at a future CAG meeting with regard to the public water system.

Community Awareness (CA)- Website is up and running. The group would like CAG members to suggest documents for the web, if they come across, or believe we could benefit from them. In addition CA would like workgroup heads to review their description under "About Our CAG" 5 Workgroup dropdown.

-Would like to have more representation from CAG to the public as EPA does with their mailers. The group would like to promote the website.-Would like to know where EPA stands with mailing list for CAG. Vance Evans was asked to comment at a later date.

-The group would like the Ambler Gazette to write article about the CAG and include website information.

Future Plans Group:

-Circulated document for upcoming meeting on 2010 goals for group. Suggested ideas for discussion for possible inclusion are:

●Finalize and submit a request for TASC assistance to provide information on:

- completed Superfund projects that have been successfully remediated to accommodate various combinations of public access for active recreation, community use, and environmental education

- funding strategies and sources used by local governments and community groups to improve these sites for the desired public use

●Provide several programs for the CAG and community on future use topics – these may include:

- a collage of case studies illustrating several of the public use outcomes and the relevant funding strategies

- a presentation by Valley Forge National Historic Park staff about their asbestos remediation project and the incorporation of public park use

●Host one or several discussion meetings with the Health subgroup to identify the overlap between future recreational/community use, and health and wellness opportunities.

Rules Committee- No Report.

Removal Remediation & Monitoring (RR&M) - No Report.

Facilitation Ranking

A discussion was held regarding whether or not the CAG needs independent facilitation. A show of hands indicated six (6) members for, and two (2) against. Votes were then cast for ranking facilitation topics in order of importance.

Chair suggested non-attending members were to be briefed and allowed to rank facilitation topics as well at future mtg.

Three (3) topics were withheld from ranking - NESHAP involvement;
Removal of all ACM; Pursuing EPA as liable for past actions at site.

Other News

- CAG does not have a system for replacing vacant seats.
- CAG needs to fill Ambler Business spot of Sharon Vargas.