

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP**

*BoRit Asbestos Area*

*Ambler / Upper Dublin / Whitpain, Pennsylvania*

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To: BoRit Asbestos Area Community Advisory Group  
From: Katie O'Connor  
Date: January 13, 2010  
Subject: **Summary of the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, BoRit CAG Meeting**

### **Next Meeting.**

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

Date: Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010  
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Location: American Legion  
Ambler, PA

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

### **CAG Attendees.**

All Members were present except for Joseph Antonelli and Jim Blanch (alternate Roman Pronczak present), Diane Burgess and Joanne Walker.

### **Observers.**

There were approximately 7 observers present for at least part of the meeting.

### **Welcome & Announcements.**

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- Agenda for the meeting reviewed.

### **Communication Workshop Summary and Discussion.**

- Summary from the communication workshop held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 was discussed. During this workshop, the CAG learned that they perform best when there are specific tasks to discuss. It was proposed to not have meetings if there are no new agenda items. The majority of the CAG would like to hold monthly meetings.
- Eileen offered to provide an open list of agenda items. Some members discussed the benefits of having action items attached to the agenda and having them prioritized as to when they need to be answered by.
- There was discussion over shorter meetings or having some meetings specific for sub-committees. No final decision was made regarding this discussion.
- Sal concluded that agenda items need to be clear and any decision needs to be made before moving on to the next item of business.
- After inquiry, Francisco, EPA stated that the CAG has been approved for three facilitations that are available to the CAG upon request. Management is still looking at the 12-month plan. The facilitator is open ended; either Melinda or another facilitator within E2 may be chosen.

### **CDM Presentation of the Summary of Phase 1 Remedial Investigation Activities through December 2009 at Borit Superfund Site, Ambler PA.**

- Presentation given by Lucinda J. Pype. Questions were answered throughout presentation.
- For this remedial investigation, the EPA has chosen to use PLM. Lucinda will check with EPA to determine why the TEM was not used.
- This investigation is for Phase I only. Areas such as where the homes were on the Wissahickon Alley and home sampling is not part of Phase I. At this point, EPA is gathering baseline data. Phase II has not been discussed yet since information from

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Phase I is still being acquired. Validated data will not be available to the EPA for at least 30 days. An estimated guess of the official results will be available to the CAG as of late spring or early summer. Francisco will discuss with Stacie, EPA, about getting these results out to the CAG prior to beginning Phase II so that the CAG can have input into what Phase II entails.

- There were multiple concerns over baseline sampling of ambient air. Francisco stated that Eduardo has been collecting air samples for the last 2 years, several times a month when possible. Certain CAG members voiced wanting a systematic approach to collecting air samples in order to put the community's concerns at rest. Air sampling will be discussed at a future meeting so that members can prepare for a proper discussion about this concern.

#### **Observer Comments.**

- Vance Evans, EPA, stated that it is standard protocol to start data collection at the site property and then work outward from this starting point.

#### **Public Awareness Group Initiatives in 2010 Discussion.**

- Lynn Hoffmann presented on behalf of the Community Awareness Group. One of the tasks of the Community Awareness Group is to determine the best way to get information out to the community. Multiple methods were discussed and listed below;
  - A letter to the Editor
  - Handing out CAG business cards
  - Website
  - CAG Newsletter
  - Article in the Gazette
  - Look at other CAG organizations and use their methods
- It was suggested to have a facilitated session on how the CAG should respond as a group to the community.
- The Community Awareness Group will draft a "Who and What is the CAG" and present it to the group by the next meeting.

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**Old Business.**

- The Co-Chairs have asked the group leaders to create three goals for the year and submit it by the next meeting.

**Open Comment Period.**

- The trucks are driving at an increased speed. Members would like to know the weight load of the trucks and if this is related to damage to the roads and the recent water break. This will be reviewed by the EPA.
- There is an update from the EPA every Friday at 0900. The number to the conference call is 215-814-5996.

**New Business.**

- The next meeting will tentatively be held in Ambler, PA at the American Legion on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.