

**BO-RIT CAG MEETING 1/5/11**  
**SYNOPSIS**

The Bo-Rit CAG held a meeting on January 5, 2011, at the Upper Dublin Township Building

1. Trish Taylor has been appointed by the EPA to take the place of Francisco Cruz as Community Involvement Coordinator.

2. If there are any questions for the Ambler Water Department, please send them by e-mail to the Co-Chairs, Sal Boccuti or Bob Adams.

3. Dr. Greg Bogdan, Epidemiologist – Pa Department of Health, presented data of cancer incidences from 1996 to 2007 in the three Ambler area zip codes closest to the Borit site. Dr. Bogdan provided this as an update to the cancer registry data review previously published in the ATSDR/PADOH January 2009 health consultation, which included registry data through 2005. PADOH reviewed the number of cancer cases reported in the three zip codes (the Ambler, Fort Washington, and Blue Bell zip codes) closest to the BoRit site and compared these numbers to those reported in the Commonwealth as a whole. These two additional years of cancer registry information did not change PADOH's prior conclusions about cancer rates in this area. In summary, PADOH concludes that: None of the types of cancer that are typically associated with exposure to asbestos (mesothelioma and lung cancer) are higher than expected (i.e. not statistically significant) in the three zip codes closest to the BoRit site.

Mesothelioma, the cancer most closely associated with asbestos exposure, was seen at an increased rate in the Ambler zip code. However, similar to prior reviews, the elevated rate was not statistically significant. Lung and bronchus (the airways leading to the lungs) cancer, also linked to asbestos exposure, was found to occur less often than would be expected. The low incidence rate was statistically significant in the Ambler and Blue Bell zip code areas.

CAG members noted missing data and requested a further report to include 1985 to 1996 and lung data.

4. Rules Committee: Clean Water Action decided it can no longer be part of the CAG. A formal letter has been tendered. A consensus was reached to declare the seat vacant. No other environmental group has been found yet to fill the seat. Bob Adams will contact the Clean Air Council to see if they are interested. There are 26 seats on the CAG. 22 of them are voting seats (however, the agencies can vote on members). 2 seats were declared vacant: Community Physician and the owner of the Bo-Rit site (KaneCore). By declaring a seat vacant, the seat no longer counts towards the quorum when a consensus is needed. The Ambler Business Owner seat held by Sharon Vargas is declared vacant. Vance spoke to Sharon Vargas- although she is still an Ambler business owner, she is interested in representing the American Legion seat now held by Fred Robinson. Bob Adams will contact Fred Robinson to request his resignation which will allow Sharon Vargas to be appointed. In 2010, the West Ambler Civic Association representative attended only one meeting. Bob Adams will contact Otis Hightower to determine whether he may be interested in filling the WACA seat.

5. Future Use Group: The Chairman announced that a meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2011, at 6:30 at the office of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed to focus on finalizing group objectives for 2011. All are welcome to participate in the discussion.

6. RR&M group and the HERS group did not have reports.

7. Community Awareness Group Report: Met several times. The Website is now populated to date – more to come. TASC webmaster support services were provided through Skeo Solutions (formerly E<sup>2</sup> Inc.) via a national contract between Skeo Solutions and EPA headquarters. The website address is [www.Boritcag.org](http://www.Boritcag.org). Please visit the site. The group is still looking for workgroup contributions as well as reviewing for typos and inconsistencies. A suggestion was made to approach Whitpain, Upper Dublin, Ambler and Wissahickon Valley Watershed to request links to our site. Wissahickon Valley Watershed has agreed to a link.

8. The Co-Chair handed out a questionnaire on facilitation. Each member was asked to rank the items in order of importance. The Co-Chair will tabulate the rankings and discuss them at the February meeting.

9. The meeting was adjourned by the scheduled 8:30 time. The next meeting is February 2, 2011, at the Upper Dublin Township Building.