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

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 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

6:30 p.m. Welcome & Announcements

- *Introductions / Review guidelines for conduct at meetings*
- *Review Agenda*
- *Approve September Minutes:* Approved
- *Announcements:* None

6:45 p.m Presentation by Jim Feeney (EPA) – South Ambler Piles

- Ambler site originally owned by Keasbey & Mattison, which was originally a pharmaceutical company that produced milk of magnesia
- In 1897, K&M started manufacturing asbestos and asbestos related products
- Waste from the plant consisted of magnesium and calcium carbonate
- The Locust St pile as well as the lagoons were filled with asbestos and asbestos related waste
- 1984: Three separate removal actions were started
- Sites were covered with soil, and geotextiles to protect soil cover. A semi-permeable membrane was added to the piles to allow moisture in, which was the best idea to keep the pile from moving.
- Lagoons were filled in, water was drained and filtered
- Webbing material, and vegetation was added to stream banks
- 1996: Site was taken off Superfund site list
- The best solution was made for this site. The BoRit site may not receive the same treatment
- Without risk, there is no action taken by the EPA
- Piles still undergoing regular O&M testing, but not air sampling unless there is a necessity

7:15 p.m Action Items

- *Open Co-Chair positions to Alternatives*:
  - Alternate positions aren't vetted
  - In order to have a stakeholder position, the prospective member must be vetted by the CAG and also have a stake holder group.
- *Process for excessive absence warnings:*
  - 10 meetings in 1 year
  - Minimal attendance is at least half of total meetings, at least one member from each group must attend.
  - Groups with no or poor attendance:
    - *American Legion Post*
    - *Clean Water Action*
    - *West Ambler Civic Association*
  - At risk
    - *Local business owners, Sharon Vargas*
    - *DEP*
    - *Whitemarsh Township Homeowners Association*
- The CAG can dismiss a seat for poor attendance. The Rules Committee is sending out notices.

- The CAG will attempt to help out members that have low attendance by finding more alternates or different stake holder groups

8:00 p.m. Group Reports

- 500 mailers have been issued with a description of what the CAG is about, and what it is trying to achieve
- RR&M Committee Proposed Phase II Planning :
  1. It is in agreement in with EPA plans to do in Phase 2.
  2. Plan to study the effects of burrowing animals on asbestos piles
  3. Soil tests and air tests to determine if any contamination has been detected
  4. Contamination in air samples at the Maple St testing station may have been detected: wish to continue testing to see if any positive results can be found.

8:05 p.m. Observer Comments

None.

8:10 p.m. Old Business – New Business – Next Steps

- *Other Old Business*
- *Open Comment Period:*
  - The EPA can supersede the NESHAP Law, but only if the EPA determines risk requires action
- *New Business*
- *Next CAG Meeting – November 3, 2010*
- *ATTENTION: As a CAG member, please respect other members private mailing lists, it is not ethical to use someone else's mailing addresses or lists. Please work together with other members respectfully.*

8: 20 p.m. Executive meeting – elections

8:30 p.m. Adjourn