

**WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCER**  
**MEETING**

AUGUST 21, 2001  
6:00 P.M.

The NIA Center  
2900 West Broadway  
Third Floor Conference Room

**ATTENDEES/MEMBERS**

Russ Barnett, UofL  
Norm Robinson, MSD  
Betty W. Lee, Parkland  
Jim Bruggers, Courier-Journal  
Linda Weathers, Commissioner Owens Ofc.  
Robert Hackett, Russell  
Fred Nett, Lou. Dev. Authority  
Jonathan Miller, DuPont Dow Elastomers  
Isaac Shoulders, Russell  
Wade Helm, KCC  
Gloria Sherer, Parkland  
Peggy J. Bolton, Shawnee  
Linda Thomas, Hallmark  
Dan Hicks, Rohm and Haas

**Risk Assessment/Risk Management Plan Update – Art Williams**

On July 30, 2001, EPA representatives met with the members of the Local Risk Assessment and Risk Management Teams at Air Pollution Control District. Discussions included an overview of the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in Atlanta, between representatives from Rohm and Haas, DuPont and EPA regarding methods of analyses of the collected data. Pat Moran, representative from Rohm and Haas has completed minutes from the meeting. Copies of these minutes can be obtained by contacting the Information Center. Decisions have yet to be made on two items, however final decisions will be made by the entire Risk Assessment team or representatives.

Because of budget cuts at EPA, Cliff Opdyke, who worked with the Risk Assessment Team is no longer with Region 4 and will not be replaced. We expect some delay in our completion target date due to the loss.

**Indoor Odor Suggestions – Wade Helm –**

Included is a handout distributed by Wade on possible ways to improve indoor air quality with the use of houseplants. Three plants in particular to improve indoor air quality were the Spider, Golden Pathos and Philodendron Plants.

Please ***note***: the Philodendron is poisonous to pets and children.

**Funding Update –**

Art Williams presented an updated budget report on **WJCCTF/APCD** community projects.- see enclosure

Russ Barnett included a funding update in the **Air Toxic Monitoring Status Report of 8/21/01-** see enclosure

Arnita Gadson verified receipt of a \$15,000 small EPA EJ(Environment Justice) grant for education and outreach.

#### **Air Monitoring Update – Russ Barnett**

Russ presented an **Air Toxic Monitoring Program Status Report as of 8/21/01**, that highlighted changes in Air Monitoring stations, Air Quality Data, Laboratory move and Funding Information. With the removal of monitoring stations by EPA, these replacement locations were chosen because of their higher “hits” of chemical concentration.

#### **Comments from the Board**

A copy of the tentative revised By-Laws were presented at the meeting. Members were asked to peruse them and present comments or changes at the September meeting. If you were not present and would like to receive a copy of the By-laws, please call the information Center.

#### **Comments from Community representatives**

Community residents stated that odors increased over the two weeks prior to this meeting. Norm Robinson, MSD, acknowledged it was from MSD. Art Williams said a meeting is scheduled for the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss odors with MSD. APCD continues to issue or has issued a NOV (Notice of Violation) at least once regarding odors. The purpose of the meeting is to go through the process of providing a legal understanding of the court order. Fines will be levied per day if the “Zimpro” process (the present MSD process of handling waste) is not discontinued at the scheduled time of January 2002. Monies from fines are put into the Jefferson County Funds. Suggestions were made to find ways to funnel this money back into the affected community.