

**MINUTES  
KPPC/EJP2  
WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE  
MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2000**

The KPPC/EJP2 West County Community Task Force Meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Louisville Urban League, 1535 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

**ATTENDEES/MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Arnita Gadson, KPPC, WCCTF  
Mr. Robert Hackett, Russell  
Ms. Mayme Whaley, Frankfort  
Mr. Wade Helm, Kentucky Conservation Committee  
Ms. Kathleen Shambo, KPPC  
Mr. Jonathan Miller, DuPont Dow Elastomers  
Ms. Phyllis Fitzgerald, LG&E  
Mr. Tom Herman, Zeon  
Ms. Jodie Cope, Public  
Ms. Patricia Germany, California  
Mr. Carl Hilton, DuPont Dow  
Mr. Norman Robinson, MSD/Shawnee  
Mr. Russ Barnett, KIESD  
Ms. Linda Weathers, Commissioner Owens Office  
Ms. Daphne Wilson, APCD  
Mr. Mike Sanchez, DuPont Dow  
Ms. Elizabeth C. Elliott, NAACP  
Mr. Cam Metcalf, KPPC  
Ms. Melissa Dickson, SDPD-Parkland  
Ms. Peggy Bolton, Shawnee  
Ms. Karen Cairns, Caritas Health Service  
Ms. Jodie Coxe, Chickasaw

Arnita Gadson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. She informed WCCTF Meeting attendees that WCCTF membership applications were available. She also mentioned that some members were attending a Pastor's Conference.

**EARTH DAY** - Saturday, April 22, 2000 the WCCTF will have a table at the Louisville Zoo. Bobby Hickey and Jonathan Miller offered to volunteer, but others are needed and should contact Arnita.

**KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY** - Letters are being written regarding the VET Bill on motorcycles acknowledging our concerns. We received letters from Senator

Harris and Representative Jordan acknowledging receipt of our concern on the Motorcycle exemption bill.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** - Document was circulated among WCCTF members to review. WCCTF was successfully included in the budget and put in as a renewal at \$300,000. \$310,500 was requested. Hopefully we will receive \$300,000 (for the task force - not split). Senator Neal stated he will attempt to get another \$20,000 for our efforts.

**WADE HELM** - Kentucky Cons. Commission lobbyist shared the alert about State Superfund funds for cleanup. Funds from the state generators of hazardous waste against this bill will "sunset" this year. He distributed to WCCTF Meeting attendees cards with an 800 number and especially encouraged telephone calls to Senator Gerald Neal, Representative Paul Bather and Representative Eleanor Jordan. He expressed that KCC supports creation of environmental education centers and hopes to see it as part of the Bottle Bill. If the bill "sunset" it will affect 90% of what Cam Metcalf and KPPC.

Russ Barnett gave a summary of a proposal that was introduced by Rohm and Haas for a \$50,000 cap to apply to all companies regarding the Superfund Tax. Companies pay proportionally to the waste generated or handled. The two companies that pay the most under this program are hazardous waste treatment plants. Arnita encouraged all WCCTF members to call individually. Jonathan Miller felt the concept of the cap was fair because it was wrong for a company to pay more when it didn't create the waste. His company generates waste and pays for proper disposal. Wade Helm emphasized no blame, but the need to share the burden of cleanup. The cap maybe too low. Also, 20% of the funds collected from hazardous waste generators are earmarked for pollution prevention through the KPPC.

**INDUSTRY PRESENTATION** - Mike Sanchez and Carl Hilton of DuPont introduced themselves and explained that DuPont is the Landlord of DuPont Dow Elastomers. They are two separate companies and DuPont produces vinyl fluoride, HCL, R22 difluoroethane and 80% of the plant's production sent to other DuPont plants for production of other products, such as Teflon. The last major environmental incident was May 1997. Regarding DuPont's stated objective, The Goal is Zero the question was raised, "Can you have a zero emissions goal?" The response, "We have had no deep wells since 1992 and most emissions are due to fugitive or non-point source emissions". An open house for the community has been planned for June.

**KPPC WEBSITE** - On the Air Quality Monitoring page, which is reached through the "Environmental Justice" link on the home page, there are photographs of the ambient air monitoring equipment and the sites where samples will be collected. The samples will be analyzed for 74 volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and the results of the analyses will be posted on-line. KPPC is currently purchasing software, which will allow users to see the information in the database in the form of a graph or a table.

When surfing the website:

- Go to Air Quality
- Select Sites
- Select Database then fill in the name of the chemical, site and dates you want then click on O.K. Data can be obtained in either graph or table format.
- Click on NIOSH Information for health information about a particular chemical.
- Go to <http://www.rtk.net> for right to know information regarding companies and pollutants.

KPPC made a request of all WCCTF Meeting attendees to visit the website and test this out. Provide them with feedback including what links would be helpful.

**EJP2 GRANT** - Arnita stated that she is filing for a grant of \$15,000 due March 3, 2000, and asked for a volunteers to work on a subcommittee. Melissa Dickson, Linda Weathers, Norm Robinson, Russ Barnett and Daphne Wilson volunteered. If others are interested, please contact Arnita.