

**WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 1999**

Location: Louisville Urban League, 1535 West Broadway
Time: Meeting began at 7:00 p.m., Arnita Gadson facilitator

ITEM: \$15K EPA GRANT

ACTION: On Tuesday, February 9, 1999, several members of the WCTF met (in response to a letter out by Arnita) to decide what avenue to take in applying for a \$15K EPA Environmental Justice Grant. It was decided that out of air, water, and soil, soil sampling would be a compliment to the air sampling that is currently being done. Pennie DuBarry wrote a draft of the proposed grant and presented it at the February 16th WCTF meeting. The discussion consisted of concern that air emissions could result in soil contamination. A few members of the Task Force requested that changes be made in referencing air toxics, as they relate to soil quality issues. (It was reiterated that the importance of mentioning air issues is because the grant requires that the grant address issues that relate to more than one environmental statute.) It was proposed that we look at all media as potential for contamination as well as several studies as indicators that something is "there." Otherwise, the draft proposal was approved.

ITEM: LOJIC Maps

ACTION: Jeff Ackerman from MSD discussed how the maps have been put together to give different data sets to help distinguish where the air monitors will go. Jeff presented six maps that were divided into three categories based on the 1990 census track data:

- Neighborhoods, schools, and industry in the west county area
- Age of residents and total population
- Community health data; death rates and hospital admission rates

Issues/Information addressed:

1. Why use census track information? Because it is the best population data available.
2. MSD's rain gauge information is on the map. So is the information from APCD on the ozone monitoring that they are currently doing.

Although rain and ozone information is not presented by neighborhood, we need to address the seven sites that APCD has recommended as potential sites. The Task Force also needs to address sites in regards to odor, safety etc., where we feel the monitors will be best placed. Once sites are located on the LOJIC maps the members of the committee will take a bus tour to ensure that the sites on the maps are in good locations i.e., case of placement, collect accurate data and safety of the monitors.

3. When will the monitors be placed in the communities? In April or May of 1999.
4. How many monitors will we have?

We will have 12 monitors all together. Eight of the 12 monitors have been purchased so far. Two of the eight monitors will be co-located for quality assurance so we will have six sites. EPA will give us six more canisters around November of 1999, when they finish the air quality monitoring in Chattanooga.

5. Results of air quality monitoring (over the next two years), will:

- Identify what are some of the concentrations of contaminants in the environment.
- Determine level of exposure.
- Determine what health effects we might measure.

ITEM: Air Pollution Control District (APCD)

ACTION: APCD is trying to focus on pollution prevention, especially with Title V companies. They want to work hand in hand with these companies with pollution prevention opportunities.

ITEM: Bill Davis, Plant Manager at Rohm and Haas

ACTION: Bill talked about what the plant makes and the effort Rohm and Haas is making to reduce emissions at the plant.

ITEM: March Meeting

ACTION: We will be meeting in the Fourth Floor conference room of Lutz Hall (formerly the New Academic Building) from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. From there we will walk over to the Henry Vogt Building (Speed School), Room 311, for the Air Quality Forum, sponsored by the Sierra Club.

Panelists will include:

Russ Barnett, KIESD

The Rev. Louis Coleman, Justice Resource Center

Tom Fitzgerald, Kentucky Conservation Council

Tom Herman, Zeon Chemicals

Andrew Melnykovich, *The Courier-Journal*

Art Williams, Air Pollution Control District

ITEM: Earth Day at the Zoo

ACTION: WCTF members are needed to help staff a booth on Sunday, April 18, 1999, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to help pass out information about the Task Force please contact Pennie DuBarry at 852-0965.

REMINDER:

Rohm & Haas Chemical Company would like three to five WCTF members to give a presentation on Sunday, April 14, 1999. Items to be discussed are:

- What the WCTF has accomplished
- What the WCTF is currently doing
- What the WCTF plans for the future

If you would like to participate in the panel discussion, please contact Arnita.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.