

**WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 1999**

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

ITEM: Corrected Handout

ACTION: Distributed corrected MOU, adding Lake Dreamland and California neighborhoods.

ITEM: Letter to the Judge

ACTION: Arnita sent a letter to Rebecca Jackson, the new County Judge, telling her about the West County Task Force and requesting her opinion on environmental issues.

ITEM: Students from the Brown School

ACTION: Brown Schoolteacher, Karen Shields, brought four students, Amy, James, Josh and Josh to the meeting. These students will be taking the West End Environmental Tour in February, and will later become tour guides for the West End Environmental Tour program.

ITEM: Tom Herman and Bill Simpson – Zeon Chemical

ACTION: Tom Herman, environmental manager, and Bill Simpson, plant manager from Zeon Chemical, gave a presentation on:

- Practical polymerization
- Statistical data on chemical releases from their company
- Environmental success stories for their company

Tom requested comments on the presentation. Questions raised were:

Q. Is it possible/practical to have zero discharge?

A. It varies, company by company and process by process. Also, sometimes the technology is a factor. Sometimes it is too costly and sometimes it just doesn't work. However, one of the goals at Zeon is to cut emissions in Kentucky over the next five years.

Q. Does your company study the amount of "product" that actually gets into the Ohio River through MSD's out-fall, that is not filtered out? Example: surfactants. Has your company studied the effects of surfactants on fish in the Ohio River?

A. No.

Q. Do you feel that as a "Corporate responsibility theme," companies should assess the off-site consequences of their emissions, products, and by-products?

A. Zeon does not have a comprehensive approach like that. However, what "most" would like to see companies "evolve" to is more consideration of , "what's the end use of or where does the product go that we sell somebody else."

ITEM: February Meeting

ACTION: Rohm & Haas Chemical Company will be our guest speaker.

Air Pollution Control Board will give an update on modeling.

MSD representative will discuss odor monitoring.

And, Jeff Ackerman from MSD will discuss the LOJIC maps that will be used in the site selection of the air monitors.

ITEM: March Meeting

ACTION: Task Force members who attended the January meeting agreed to move the March 16, 1999 meeting to the University of Louisville, where the Sierra Club is offering a panel discussion on "Air Pollution in Louisville." The panel discussion will take place in the Henry Vogt Building (Speed School), Room 311, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

ITEM: Panel Discussion

ACTION: Rohm & Haas Chemical Company would like three to five members of the West County Task Force 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; and what the WCTF has planned. Contact Arnita by mail, phone, or fax if you would like to be a participant on the panel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.