

WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING

May 15, 2001
6:00 p.m.

The NIA Center
2900 West Broadway
Third Floor Conference Room

ATTENDEES/MEMBERS

Mary Wheatley, Rohm and Haas
Charles David, Jeff. Co. Comm. Dev.
W. Paul Baskette, Jeff Co. Comm. Dev.
Tom Herman, Zeon Chemical
Jonathan Miller, DuPont Dow Elastomers
Carol A. Palmiotto, DuPont Dow Elastomers (DE)
Roger K. LaCosse, PMD Group
Jerry W. Burger, EPA, Region IV
Karen Cairns, Univ. of Lou.
Danny France, EPA
Bobby Hickey, Portland Community
Wade Helm, KCC
Ron Phelps, EPA – RA
Tim Slagle, EPA
Peggy J. Bolton, Shawnee Community
Russ Barnett, KIESD
Isaac Shoulders, Russell Community
Art Williams, APCD
Clarence Dykstra, DuPont Dow Elastomers
Caroline S. Hill, Chickasaw Community
Jim Hill, Chickasaw Community
Norman Robinson, MSD

(PMD)(Noveon) formerly B.F.Goodrich, presentation

Product – TempRite CPVC

Uses: Flow Guard Gold Plumbing Systems
Corzan Industrial Piping Systems
Blazemaster Fire Sprinkler Systems

Vycar Latex

Uses: Textile and Industrial Coatings
Fire Retardants
Moisture Barriers
Skid Resistance

Operation Priorities:

Health, Safety, & Environmental (Be Proactive)
 Customer Satisfaction/Quality (Be Distinctive)
 Productivity (Continuously Improve)

HSE Excellence

Eliminate All Accidents
 Protect the Environment
 Comply with All Laws & Regulations
 Be a Good Neighbor

Commitment to eliminate injuries

Annual physicals for employees
 Check for:
 General Health
 Hearing
 Respiratory Function
 For Vinyl Chloride Workers
 Check for:
 Liver Function
 Personnel Monitoring is done

TRI (Toxic Release Inventory) information

There has been a 96% reduction due to the removal of a refrigeration system in 1990

One reported release – Vinyl Chloride in 1995

Pin-hole leak in Carbon Steel Pipe
 Assumed 12 Day Event
 Assumed Maximum Potential Release
 Reported 2500 Lbs. Released
 Penalty Assessed - \$30,000

From the \$30,000 penalty assessed, a SEP (Supplemental Environmental Project) was submitted to the Dept of Justice. The money was for:

A Monomer Tank Farm
 To Replace Conservation Vents
 A Closed System

The total Project Cost was \$43,600

Results:

Reduces TRI Air Emissions by 16%
 Reduces TRI Air Emissions by 920 Lbs.
 Reduced penalty to \$7,500

Core Value –

“We will accept responsibility for providing a safe and healthful environment for our employees and neighbors, and safe and healthful products and services for our customers.”

Other TRI data, charts and comparisons are available in the information center located in suite 218 at the NIA Center.

Air Monitoring – Russ Barnett

Maintaining stations are necessary to continue any desired monitoring. Those schools that were part of the monitoring program (Farnsley Middle School, M.L.King Elementary, and Cane Run Elementary) are in agreement to maintaining monitoring stations along with Lake Dreamland fire station.

More samples are needed. Louisville endured an unusual cold winter and there is a need to continue monitoring in the summer due to a forecast of a hot and dry summer. The Risk Management Plan will probably require more monitoring for chemicals of concern. If stations are dismantled there will be a need to rebuild more.

Do we want to continue to monitoring? There are only two research facilities available – U of L and the State. The State cannot do it. Without funding, the lab will be dismantled and idle in Ernst Hall at the U of L campus.

The advantage in maintaining monitoring sites is to do a comparative study if questions regarding emissions arise. The maintenance is the problem at present. The two sites located at homes, one in the Chickasaw neighborhood and Campground road area are in question.

The technical expertise and the lab is what needs to be maintained at present to keep the integrity of the research.

What is being done to get the next \$150,000 – Arnita Gadson

Arnita held a discussion with the Governor regarding concerns for the next round of money. River fields, Inc. a land conservation organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance natural and cultural resources on the Ohio River between Westport and West Pont on both sides of the river, and has been very supportive of our air monitoring efforts, wrote a letter to governor requesting continued support of the project.

We need more letters. It was requested of all those who attended the meeting to send letters to the governor’s office asking for the next round of money for continued monitoring.

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