

**WEST COUNTY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 1998**

Meeting was held at the Louisville Urban League. Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Arnita Gadson facilitating.

ITEM: Action Agenda

ACTION: Revisited items on agenda, classifying each item by its importance to the Task Force. Rating scale was 1 to 3, with 1=low, 2=average, 3=high. New rankings are:

1. Odors in area = 3
2. High level of ozone in the air = 2
3. Ozone depleting chemicals = 1
4. Particulate air pollution = 3
5. Synergistic effects of all emissions (industry, autos, utilities, etc.) = 3
6. Trucks that dump septic waste into MSD system = 1
7. Tank and trailer washing facilities as source of odors and pollution = 2
8. Pollution from vehicles = 3

Air quality was then tabled.

9. Pumping of pollutants into the Ohio River = 3

Two-person committees for Air Quality, Water Quality, Land Quality, and Miscellaneous were chosen.

ITEM: Quarterly Community Meeting

ACTION: Task Force will hold a quarterly meeting for the entire West Louisville community in July. Plans are to hold it at Shawnee High School and make sure it is highly publicized. The meeting will inform the community about the WCTF's activities to date.

ITEM: WCTF Logo

ACTION: James Livers found some clip art for members to look over and use in deciding on a logo for the Task Force. Arnita will make copies for distribution.

ITEM: State Funding

ACTION: Russ Barnett explained the \$300,000 awarded for air monitoring in West Louisville would be divided over the two-year biennium beginning July 1, 1998. The first \$150,000 can be rolled over to the second year, but second year funds cannot be tapped before July 1, 1999.

The Kentucky Finance Cabinet must first approve the budget for the funds before any money changes hands. Must have a group responsible for administering the deliverables of the money. Should the work that is promised not be completed, that group will have to return the unused funds. The Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District could handle the funds, but it would hurt their chances at getting other grants. The University of

Louisville has agreed to waive its usual indirect costs from the grant. Russ emphasized the importance of getting the budget approved as soon as possible.

ITEM: APCD Air Monitoring

ACTION: A representative from the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District, explained the steps his agency has taken regarding air monitoring.

The first step is to figure out what we're looking for, so a decision can be made on where to put the air monitors. An emissions inventory exercise will be used, which will look at all industrial plants in the county. After the preliminary work, computer modeling will help decide where to put the monitors. Some sites may not be ideal due to problems with security, electricity, landowners' permission, etc.

Second step is the actual monitoring. Interpretation of what the data means will have to be decided somewhere down the road. Then the decision as to whether or not it's acceptable will also have to be made.

EPA is working on risk characterization of TRI releases that possess the greatest risks. This information should be available to the public in about two weeks.

ITEM: Lab Analysis

ACTION: Questions were raised as to which labs would be used to analyze the data. Russ pointed out that the labs in California were quite expensive. No labs are available in Kentucky or Indiana. It was also noted that the University of Louisville has no history of doing this type of analysis. This will be considered research as with any other lab, and the University labs will be certified.