

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

Tuesday, October 19, 1999

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:

Rev. Isaac Shoulders, Russell
Mr. Bobby Hickey, Portland
Ms. Peggy Bolton, Shawnee
Mr. Clarence Dyketea
Ms. Karen Cairns, KIESD
Ms. Joan Lindop
Mr. Neil Webster
Mr. Jonathan Miller, DuPont Dow Elastomers
Mr. Tom Herman, Zeon
Mr. Gary Swanson, CH2M Hill
Mr. Dan Hicks, Rohm and Haas
Ms. Sharon Worley, MSD
Ms. Andrea Wilson, CH2M Hill
Mr. Don Szymansky, MSD
Mr. Gregory Zarus, ATSDR
Ms. Penny Williams, KPPC
Ms. Melissa Dickson, Parkland
Ms. Arnita Gadson, KPPC, WCCTF

Arnita Gadson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and had the WCCTF Members in attendance introduce themselves. She provided all in attendance a handout of the e-mail she sent and provided an agenda update. She also provided all in attendance a handout of the CBEP Minutes and reviewed them.

Arnita informed members that she met with Senator Neal for funding and that the proposal for funding compiled by Arnita and KPPC has been submitted. She also reviewed the letter she received from Stan Heinze announcing that the WCCTF had been nominated for the Natural Resources and Environmental Leadership Award for 1999.

MSD ODOR SURVEY - Don Szymansky, MSD provided handouts and provided a presentation on *MSD Odor Survey*. Bioroughing Tower Odor Control Project collapsed and has been out of service for five years in litigation. Now they are back in service and the towers are covered with aluminum domes for treatment process and project on the backside of tower. This process takes 20% out of the tower and reintroduces clean air.

The New Headworks Modification System screen and grit collection is scheduled to go online in January with scrubbers for towers.

A WCCTF Member asked about the location. The response was that the location is Morris-Foreman and that it hopes to eliminate odor problems.

A WCCTF Member asked about the processing for waste. The response was that the chemicals blow down into the sewer and back into treatment at the plant.

A WCCTF Member asked what the pipe liner consisted of. The response was that they are ductile pipes with high salicylate lining. Optional flow path would be used to prevent dumping of waste. The gravity line is 140 degrees and hot, but no steam. If there were a leak it would be seen, smelled and dealt with within ten minutes. This situation does not present an immediate danger to the public Zimpro will be discontinued within two to three years. A dewatering process without pressure and heating will be used.

WCCTF Members were informed that they could go to:
<http://www.MSDlouky.org/programs/odorsurvey.htm> to review the Results of MFWTP Community Odor Survey.

A WCCTF Member asked about the odor intensity compared to standards. The response was that Neil Webster and his associate are just trying to determine odors for a standard. New incinerators were installed two years ago and a practice of shutting down the Zimpro process on weekends began. Since then, odor control systems have improved. Neil did suggest to WCCTF Members that they contact him at 241-3900 and accompany him while out testing.

A WCCTF Member asked how does one go about identifying sources if you're not the only industry in the other. Neil responded that he does identify sources from other companies. However, each industry must address their company's concerns.

A WCCTF Member asked if Neil goes out a certain time to identify sources? Neil responded that he goes out at all times of the day. A WCCTF Member stated the potential usefulness of this procedure and considered it highly subjective. The community can be trained to identify odors so that they can troubleshoot more accurately and APCD should initialize this. *A representative from MSD mentioned that tours are available and that they welcome the opportunity for feedback.*

A WCCTF Member asked about the sewer problems this past summer and what was the cause of it? The response was that sewage settled in pipes and there was not enough water to flush the pipes so it became septic.

A WCCTF Member asked if there was any anticipation of problems during cold weather? The response was that there should not be a problem because the processes run twenty-four hours daily and Zimpro is not temperature related. Neil also mentioned that he has

Learned that when people are more aware of odors they tend to do more troubleshooting. The maintenance process is down and Zimpro processes are down for one reason or another.

- **EDA/ATSDR** - In 1986 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the EPA Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (EPA-ATSDR) to discover and research new diseases. One issue from North Carolina regarded tyolene desyscilate. In a one-year study conducted by Duke University, discovered a loss of lung function and other systems in people. ATSDR is five years old and its staff is composed of Greg Zarus who specializes in Air Monitoring, two EPA Toxicologists and two exposure studiers from other universities. They have conducted fourteen projects a month on mercury and lead exposures and odorous chemicals. Each sample cost about \$7000 each and there really isn't a good way to measure the samples because of indirect exposure.

The purpose of his presentation was that he's trying to sell tools made to measure levels of toxins in United States communities. The University of Texas Technological College created the measuring tools. Funds will need to be recovered from companies for tedsting and the only chemical being tested for is hydrogen sulfide which is inorganic and is not being looked for in WCCTF air monitoring it seems too costly for testing with one chemical being looked for. The WCCTF is searching for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The project is tied by congressional money to seek backlot sites.

- **WCCTF** - Arnita informed WCCTF Members that she has been approached with questions regarding the West End Reorganization and what does WCCTF think? Arnita stated that she refuses to answer such questions and suggested that WCCTF Members come up with a standard response for such inquiries. The statement that the WCCTF Members came up with was "That is not an issue that the WCCTF is politically able to respond to."

Arnita also mentioned that the family hosting the Riverside Montitor located on Wilmoth Avenue wants information immediately on the status of the Air Monitoring Project. The WCCTF Members voted to move the monitor immediately and relocate it to the Riverside Church, which is the alternative site, or the Lake Dreamland Fire Department.

Arnita also mentioned that it has been brought to her attention that possible private support should be garnered for the WCCTF Center from various companies. A proposal will be put together then reviewed by WCCTF. If funding comes from the state the WCCTF Center will still need funding. The budget will need to be reviewed for funding and a 501(c3) is a must before seeking funding from private sources.

- **CBEP (COMMUNITY BASED ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT)** - Arnita also informed WCCTF Members that the CBEP Subcommittee Area Representatives are: Air - Jonathan Miller, Water - Tom Herman, Miscellaneous - Dan Hicks, Land - To Be Announced.