

WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2002

NIA Center
Second Floor Conference
2900 W. Broadway
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ATTENDEES:

Clarence Dykstra, DDE
Cheryl Fisher, DuPont
Norman L. Robinson, Shawnee
Peggy J. Bolton, Shawnee
Jonathan Miller, DDE
Art Williams, APCD
Bobby Hickey, Portland
Laletta Jenkins, Shawnee
Betty W. Lee, Hallmark
Leslie Barras, WJCCTF
Tom Herman, Zeon

Risk Assessment/Risk Mgt. Update (correction to August minutes)

The Risk Assessment vendor chosen for the project was “Sciences” Int’l not “Scientist”. The criteria for selection was based on cost and ability. Cost for the study will be partly funded with CBEP (Community-Based Environmental Protection) project money through APCD

Debbie Basham, a representative from SW Jefferson County came to the meeting and expressed concern about breast cancer and MS in her neighborhood. She wanted to know more about the WJCCTF. We will follow up with her and her concerns.

I. Risk Assessment/Risk Mgt. Update (September meeting) – Art Williams

The Risk Assessment process is underway. The Data disks received from EPA had problems that have now been resolved. Today’s date, September 17th was the official date the contractor started work on the risk assessment.

The Risk Management Meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 19th at 3:00 p.m. at APCD. Dave Pigeon used contents from the Chattanooga RMT Plan as a template for the committee as a draft.

Arnita and Art appeared on “Louisville Health with Dr. Wayne Tuckson and Kathy Brent as co-host, talking about environmental issues, filmed at Stricler Hall at the Belknap Campus, U of L. Included are tapes of people being asked, “What are you suppose to do on Ozone Action Days, what causes Ozone Action Days, and what is the VET” The show will be aired on KET & KET 2, November 24th at 4:00 p.m. Channel 13, and November 25th at 5:00 p.m. on Channel 15

II. Funding Update – Arnita Gadson

We have received the signed MOA from Frankfort. This will allow UofL to set up an account for spending purposes. \$300,000 is funded for a two year period.

III. Rohm and Haas Community Survey – Dan Hicks

Moved to Oct. Mtg. Dan was unable to make the September meeting.

IV. Cover up of Texas company punished – Leslie Barras

See enclosed article. Along with the details of the article, it is important to know that this plant was close to the El Vista neighborhood, a minority community that complained about odors and emissions.

V. Jack Conway – Democratic candidate for Congress

John Shumake, Field Dir. introduced Mr. Conway. He explained his interest in maintaining a healthy environment. Questions were asked concerning health center accessibility and prescription drug accessibility. His supports the need for both issues.

VI. Comments and questions from the community

Champions of West Louisville kick-off was held at the Park DuValle Community Room. LaLetta Jenkins, Norm Robinson and Peggy Bolton attended as representatives of the Task Force. The Russell and Parkland areas were well represented. The next meeting is Thursday, September 26th. This was sponsored by the Ann E. Casey Foundation.

Due to complaints about odor, particularly late Saturday, early Sunday morning, the next Odor Patrol will be at that time. Exact time and date will be announced.

Community representatives complained of odors that seemed to be coming from MSD. Norm Robinson reported there will be an interim period when the process is down. The methane production prohibits use of thermal oxidizers for digester/storage tank odor control. Uncontrolled off-gases from tanks could result in off-site odor complaints. Off gases are collected, stored under the floating covers, and sent to flare for destruction. Start-up of flare system is not underway.

What can go wrong with this operation is that gas escapes around the cover. The control failure causes tank level to drop too low and unsubmerged skirt produces no gas seal. The construction start-up issues can cause temporary loss of seal.

The Zimpro elimination caused some construction-related odor impacts. The storage tank conversion is the likely source of current odors. The Gas flare connection being implemented will significantly control odors during construction. Digester complex scheduled for full operation by end of 2002.

VII. Comments from the Board

None.