

Meeting Minutes
Fairmont Community Liaison Panel
July 14, 2005

Attendees: Beverly Craig, Keith Craig, Griff Fowler, Chief Gregg Freme, Karen Gribben, Jim Martin, Kevin McClung (attending for Bruce McDaniel), Chris McIntire, Barbara Metcalfe, John Parks, Bob Sapp, Jim Succurro, Rich Wood, Marcella Yaremchuk.

ExxonMobil
Representative: Art Chin.

Agency
Representatives: Eric Newman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Tom Bass, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP).

Contractors: Pete Kipin, John Sigler, Kipin Industries, Inc.; Brian Stacks, Gregory Parana, CDM.

Guests: Michael Gulles, Environmental Strategies; Justin McLaughlin, *Times West Virginian*; Matt Lake, Larry Morris, Kipin Industries, Inc.; Kevin Herlihy, Bob Hugueward, Jay Maitland, Dennis Parker, CDM; Janet Bailey, Frank Patrick, Wayne Stutler.

Facilitator: Mary A. Green, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

Minutes: Mary A. Green and Misti Flynn, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

The regular meeting of the Fairmont Community Liaison Panel (FCLP) was called to order by facilitator Mary A. Green at 5:40 p.m. Mary explained she would be facilitating the panel meetings and expressed her desire to ensure meetings run effectively and are productive. She welcomed input from all regarding that.

She then introduced several guests, including employees of two contractors working on the project: Kipin Industries and CDM. She also introduced Justin McLaughlin, a reporter with the *Times West Virginian*. Handouts and the panel agreement were reviewed. Mary noted Eric Newman would be attending for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), substituting for Melissa Pennington. Megan Dougherty could not attend because of another commitment.

Mary called the panel's attention to five sets of minutes, which are ready for review. She asked members to take them home and review before the next meeting. [The minutes were mailed separate from these minutes to those not present.] The agenda was reviewed. Hilltop Removal and a break were added.

New Business

Project Update

Mary Green welcomed Greg Parana, CDM Safety Manager. She said several contractors from the project would be giving the update. [A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.]

Environmental and Safety Update: Greg said the air monitoring remains within acceptable limits and weather data continues to be collected. As for contractors and their safety, Greg said the project is an accident-free worksite. He said ExxonMobil's Loss Protection System Safety Program is beneficial to the project's workers because it draws from safety incidences at other sites within the ExxonMobil organization to identify areas for improvement.

Construction Progress of Water Treatment Plant: Bob Hugueward, CDM Project Manager, spoke to the panel about the progress in bringing the new water treatment system on-line. Trial testing of the new system was recently completed. A "dirty" water testing will be conducted within the next two weeks, he said. Several photos were shown to better explain the system and its appearance. Grading at the Coal Storage and Handling areas and Coke Oven area of the site also has been completed. Before and after photographs were shown.

Removal Action Progress: The removal action for the By-Products Area has been approved. The focus will be on coal tar in soils, but other contaminants will also be targeted. Impacted soils will be recycled using the Kipin process, where feasible. Bob noted it will take three to four months to complete this removal action. Excavation will begin next week.

Landfill Waste Recycling: John Sigler, Kipin site manager, stated that 124,000 tons of material has been shipped to Grant Town to date. To illustrate the amount of the shipment, 10 miles of railroad cars would be needed to transport the material.

John also noted there is significantly more landfill waste than previously thought. In general, this increased waste is found deeper than the previous boring study indicated. Various methods are being reviewed to determine how to increase recycling efforts. John showed several photographs of the North Landfill.

Overall Project Progress: Art Chin commended the contractors for the work completed to date. He said there has been an enormous amount of work completed on the North Landfill. He said work at the South Landfill is underway.

Art explained that seeding of the site is expensive. It is estimated to cost approximately \$3,000 per acre. The Process Area alone is 40 acres. He said the goal is to seed that area in October.

Art encouraged panel members to drive by the site to see the transformation it has undergone.

Light Oil Storage Area: Art said this area is immediately to the right after entering the gate at the site. A preliminary investigation study was conducted to understand the area and what would be needed to address potential issues associated with the contamination of the shallow groundwater. A meeting to re-evaluate applicable technologies for remediating this area was conducted on May 31. Art said the goal is to share that information with the panel at the next meeting.

To keep the project moving forward during the time needed to review technology and to await the agencies' decision, the removal action in the By-Products Area was initiated prior to any cleanup action in the Light Oil Storage Area.

Process Area Groundwater Monitoring: Art said to learn more about groundwater in the area, 15 groundwater monitoring wells were sampled in March 2005. There has been no significant change in the 2005 data as compared to the data collected in 1998 and 1999. Art said this is good because it shows that the conceptual model of what was predicted to be happening in the groundwater is proving accurate as shown by the data.

Contamination is limited to the Light-Oil Storage Area. Most of what was found is benzene, toluene and xylene. He said mercury and lead were not found. The inorganic compounds observed in the groundwater analysis was reflected of the mineralogy of the area. Art said he would continue to keep the panel updated about this.

Goals of Project: Art reviewed his goals for the project:

1. The By-Products Area completed by the end of the year.
2. Have a plan for the Light-Oil Storage Area by the end of the year.
3. Information from May 31 meeting, evaluated and a plan developed and submitted to the EPA by the end of the year.
4. Resolution of any additional groundwater issues.

In response to a question from Bob Sapp about the timeline for the North Landfill, Art said work is being done below the water table, which creates extra challenges because water keeps infiltrating into the excavation and must be removed. Art said it

could take 15 or more months to complete the excavation and recycling of all landfill waste (North & South Landfills). However, efforts are being made to expedite this process. Increasing the amount of equipment for recycling is possible, but limited due to the confined space available for processing of the waste.

As for a question brought up regarding run-off water by Bob Sapp, Art said the current and new water treatment system are designed to treat water that comes only from the site. It will not treat surface water that runs on to the site from the adjacent residences and hillside.

In response to a question posed by Bob Sapp, Art said site maps will be provided to aid redevelopment efforts.

Art also noted workers will be wearing respirators next week as a precautionary measure during the initiation of the removal action in the By-Products Area. This should only be necessary for that one week until air monitoring data indicates that such personal protection is not necessary.

Hilltop Removal and Real Property Management Committee Update

Tom Bass said a contractor is interested in handling development of the hilltop area, which gives 11 more acres for development. A decision should be made by the next panel meeting. As for the committee update, Tom said the committee met Friday with a state development representative. There is interest in the site. An update may be available at the next panel meeting.

Bob Sapp added there is local interest in the site. However, that is on hold if someone can be secured to take ownership of the whole area. He added the development is just the top of the mountain and not the entire area.

In response to a question from John Parks, Bob Sapp said it is the committee's preference to have the dirt brought from the mountain to the site. Bob asked if ExxonMobil would be able to accommodate the dirt on the site without hindering current site cleanup activities. Art said options become less as time passes, but use of this dirt to fill in the excavations resulting from removal of the landfill waste is a possibility. He said the suggestion would be looked at and considered based upon timing, the nature of the material, and the amount of overburden.

Bob Hugueward asked if there is geotechnical data available. Mary asked Bob, Art and Bob Sapp to discuss the details after the meeting.

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Communication Update

Mary reported the media advisory was distributed to Fairmont and surrounding area media. Mary noted an article appeared in the local paper about the evening's meeting.

Mary noted there have been no calls to the public information line. She encouraged panel members to communicate to her office if an issue, question or concern comes up between meetings. She said she would work to ensure the inquiry was addressed in a timely manner.

In an effort to exchange information between the community, ExxonMobil and the CLP members, Mary asked members to discuss or comment on any issues that may be important to the group. Karen Gribben said the project is very exciting, and the site looks good.

Next Meeting and Agenda

The next meeting of the FCLP will be Thursday, October 6, 2005. In addition to the project update, there will be an update regarding hilltop removal and a report from the Real Property Management Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:	Thursday, October 6, 2005
	Circle W Building
	5 p.m. - Dinner
	5:30 p.m. – Meeting