

Meeting Minutes
Fairmont Community Liaison Panel
April 7, 2005

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

ExxonMobil
Representative: Art Chin.

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

Contractors: Brian Stacks, CDM.

Guests: Chris Matta, U.S. EPA; Jim Buzzard, Matthew Lake, Dave Mellish, Larry Norman, Janet Bailey, John Sigler, Pete Kipin, Kipin Industries; Wayne Stutler, John Metcalfe, Richard Little, Keith Craig, Beverly Craig, Neighbors; Pam Nixon, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP); Eric Gonyea, Mike Jordan, Earl Brown, Brian Stacks, Jim Briggs, Greg Parana, CDM; Doug Taylor; Kelly Barth, Times West Virginian; Cody Bailey.

Facilitator: Tricia Kingery, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

Minutes: Tricia Kingery and Misti Flynn, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

The regular meeting of the Fairmont Community Liaison Panel (FCLP) was called to order by facilitator Tricia Kingery at 5:30 p.m. Chief Freme was welcomed as a new member on the panel and representative of the fire department. As a follow-up to the July 2004 meeting where membership recruitment of nearby neighbors was discussed, Bob Sapp introduced Beverly and Keith Craig, who live on Dixie and Mound Avenue, as potential members. Due to the recognized importance of neighbor representation on the panel, the members agreed to invite the Craigs to become members. Tricia reviewed the

evening's agenda and minutes from the June 2004, July 2004, November 2004 and February 2005 meetings. She asked members to take the draft copies for review and said she would seek approval at the next meeting.

New Business

EPA Project Manager

Melissa Pennington, introduced Megan Dougherty also with EPA. She said Megan is taking the place of Carrie Deitzel while Carrie is on a six month detail. She said Megan helped develop the fact sheet and could be contacted regarding any communications issues at 215-814-5534. Melissa also announced she is expecting a child and will be out for the next six months. She said this temporary change may cause some concern with the panel so she met with her supervisor to carefully recommend an excellent replacement in her absence. She recommended and then introduced Eric Newman. She said Eric has been a project manager at EPA for 17 years. Eric said his focus will be on clean up for safe reuse. He indicated that he was aware of where we are and where we need to go, and will be working to bridge this time until Melissa returns.

Site Report

Art Chin said a lot of progress has been made since the last FCLP meeting. Art then introduced Greg Parana, CDM Safety Manager, who provided a health and safety update. He said there were no incidents to report in the first quarter of 2005. He said air monitoring results continue to be within acceptable limits. He also presented photos of the four air monitoring stations maintained at the site. Additionally, he said site roads are being watered to control dust.

Brian Stacks, also with CDM, provided an update on recent/future job site activities. He reported efforts continue to focus on importing overburden soil from the adjacent J & S Properties for grading operations currently ongoing in the Process Area. Brian stated that the concrete pile that was present on site was being crushed and used as backfill. De-sludging of the construction water treatment system was also an ongoing process. Photos of the site grading operations and imported soils, the concrete processing, and the de-sludge of Mod #1 tank were shown.

Panel member John Parks asked about the source of the concrete. Brian Stacks and Tom Bass said the concrete comes from foundations of old buildings. Bob Sapp asked for clarification of the re-grading plan. Melissa stated that the re-grading work would not preclude future building. Art said the primary objective of the re-grading work being conducted was to establish surface water management and erosion controls, but added that redevelopment requirements are always considered when determining appropriate re-grading plans.

John Sigler, Kipin Industries, reported on the landfill recycling status. He reported 106,000 tons has been shipped to Grant Town and the progress is ongoing. He said there are an estimated 50,000 tons remaining and then asked panel members to review several site photos on display in the front of the room.

Tom Bass said the asbestos containing material was found in the South Landfill and was primarily floor tile. He said the material is contained and covered on-site. Tom then reviewed photos of the South Landfill and North Landfill. (A copy of the site report presentation slides is attached.)

Project Activities

Art Chin stated that ExxonMobil was preparing its exit strategy for completing the cleanup of the site. Art provided additional insight into the five projects currently ongoing. Before his discussion, Marcella Yaremchuk asked about the number of trucks on the property. Brian Stacks said there is an average of 100 trucks per day. Art added that roads have been created on the property in order to minimize the number of trucks that needed to be run on public roads.

Water Treatment System

Art said work began on the site in December 2002 and at that time they realized that surface and ground water contacting the impacted areas of the site had to be treated to ensure no contamination was discharged from the site. A review of the current water treatment system was undertaken due to the level of effort currently required to operate and maintain it. In addition, Art referred to a photo of Mod tank #1 where settling and mixing of chemicals occurs to treat water discharge. He stated that the current capacity is 125,000 gallons, and that they have experienced flows of approximately 100,000 gallons in a single day during the rain events that have occurred in the last two years. Due to the level of effort required to operate the current system and the limited capacity for water storage, the decision was made to install a new state-of-the-art modular water treatment system. This new system would have an increased storage capacity to 250,000 gallons and be able to efficiently treat up to 100 gallons per minute, and would be functional in the June timeframe. Barbara Metcalfe asked how long the tank would stay on the site. Art said once the work is complete, ExxonMobil would remove it. The system has a 15 year lifespan and it would be used at other sites. Melissa Pennington added once cleanup work is complete, the water treatment will not be necessary.

Site Grading Plan

Plan elements of a site re-grading plan submitted to EPA and WVDEP include surface water management that would prevent free standing water on the site, and erosion controls. This re-grading plan is believed to be consistent with redevelopment options currently being considered by the Real Property Management Committee. The re-

grading plan generally calls for a gently sloping ground throughout most of the Process Area and steeper grades in the Waste Management Area.

Art explained that current cleanup efforts were focused on the Coal Storage and Handling Areas, By-Products Area and Light Oil Storage Area within the Process Area, and pointed out these areas on a map.

Area 1: Light Oil Storage Area

Art explained the Light Oil Storage Area contains perched groundwater that is contaminated with volatile organics. He explained that this groundwater unit is believed to be what is referred to as a confined aquifer unit. He said additional samplings were being collected in order to identify appropriate cleanup methods. Non-intrusive methods were being considered in order not to hinder the redevelopment of this area. He explained the work plan for this has been approved by EPA and WVDEP. He said Griff Fowler was helpful in helping them gain insight on site history particular to this area.

Area 2: By-Products Area

Art reviewed the status of the By-Products Area and presented photos of a trench consisting of coal, coke and coal tar impacted soils with underlying clean clay. He said the focus is on the lower area where coal tar was found in subsurface seams. He stated that a work plan was being prepared for the removal of the coal tars impacted soils and other potential contamination.

Area 3: Coal Storage and Handling Area

Art stated that 10,000 tons of coal lying on the surface was removed as part of the cleanup of this area. To ensure that the cleanup of this area was completed, additional soil and groundwater samples were taken for analysis. He said re-grading of this area is estimated to take 8 weeks.

Process Area Goals

Art presented the following Process Area Goals:

- Re-grading of Coal Storage and Handling Areas Completed by July 2005
- LOS Study completed in April 2005
- By-Products Area Removal Action Completed by September 2005
- Preparation of necessary documents for Record of Decision (ROD) for Process Area in fall of 2005

(A copy of the project activities presentation slides is attached.)

Unfinished Business

Real Property Management Committee Update

In Bruce McDaniel's absence, Kevin McClung provided an update on the Real Property Management Committee. Kevin said the Real Property Management Committee is working on the hillside project and looking at coal removal in that area. He said the city attorney is researching the deed regarding mineral rights. Next, Kevin reported the committee is negotiating with a company to lease a portion of the property and a meeting will take place next week. Last, Kevin reported the committee is still working on a master plan focusing on the development of a Recreational Retail complex or a Flex Tech Park.

Barbara Metcalfe and other panel members expressed their appreciation of Art's overview and update by site management. Bob Sapp asked about the flexibility of the re-grading plan to accommodate future redevelopment options. Art said that changes can be incorporated into the current plan for the immediate future, but as the re-grading of the site progressed further, there will be less flexibility to incorporate modifications.

Communication Update

Melissa said the EPA fact sheet was mailed to area residents. Barbara Metcalfe asked who received the mailing. Megan Dougherty said the fact sheet was mailed within a one-mile radius of the site to residential and business. Megan will work with Tricia to follow up to make sure the panel has a copy of the final fact sheet.

Tricia reported the media advisory was distributed to Fairmont and surrounding area media. Kelly Barth with the *Times West Virginian* was present at the meeting. In addition, Tricia noted a notice appeared in the local paper about this evening's meeting. Other members stated they saw the notice as well.

In an effort to exchange information between the community, ExxonMobil and the CLP members, Tricia asked members to discuss or comment on any issues that may be important to the group. Bob Sapp said the best thing that ever happened was for ExxonMobil to become involved and provide leadership on the clean up of the site. He commended Art Chin, Tom Bass, all the EPA representatives and all those involved in the site clean up.

Next Meeting and Agenda

The next meeting of the FCLP will be Thursday, July 14, 2005. In addition to the project update, the Real Property Management Committee will report.

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

Next Meeting: **Thursday, July 14, 2005**
 Circle W Building
 5 p.m. - Dinner
 5:30 p.m. – Meeting