

## **CAG FORMATION MEETING #4**

**LDCA Superfund Site Community  
Eastwick Mercy Wellness Center**

**May 13, 2015**

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US EPA hosted Community Advisory Group [CAG] Formation Meeting #4 for the Lower Darby Creek Area [LDCA] Superfund Site community in Eastwick PA on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Eastwick Mercy Wellness Center. The meeting began at approximately 6:40 pm and adjourned at 8:30 pm. [Please see the agenda for the meeting at the end of this meeting summary.] Approximately 30 people were in attendance for this meeting.

### **WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

Larry Brown, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator [CIC] for the LDCA Site welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded people that this was CAG formation meeting #4. He then introduced Marion Cox, the neutral facilitator assisting with CAG formation. Marion reviewed the agenda, the proposed outcomes of the night's meeting and meeting groundrules. Next Marion introduced Larry Brown and Josh Barber to provide a Site update for the Lower Darby Creek Area [LDCA] Superfund Site.

### **EPA SITE UPDATE**

Technical Update: Josh Barber, Remedial Project Manager [RPM], for the LDCA Site provided an update on technical activities at the Site.

Josh discussed the current status of several activities related to the Remedial Design (RD) for Operable Unit (OU1) of the Site, the Clearview Landfill Soils and Waste. EPA's contractor for the RD, Tetra Tech (TT), is currently developing the draft preliminary grading plan for OU1 which establishes the initial elevations, excavations, etc. that will need to be made for the landfill cover and other remedy components. This preliminary grading plan will be evaluated with a model to determine the potential impacts to the floodplain. The outcome of this modeling effort and other factors will help to revise the grading plan and overall design.

Josh also touched on the Preliminary Design Investigation (PDI) Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) that is currently being developed. The PDI SAP is intended to address requirements in the OU1 Record of Decision (ROD) to gather additional information to assist in the RD process. Although the PDI SAP will not be in draft final form, EPA would like to discuss it with the CAG and/or Technical Work Group soon. This is because the RD is on a tight schedule and EPA hopes to start the PDI in July.

EPA is also working on the initial outline of the Community Health and Safety Plan (CHASP) for the OU1 cleanup. To help better understand the community's concerns regarding the cleanup activities, a short draft survey was provided to the Health and Safety Work Group before the CAG meeting for discussion. Once input is provided, the survey will be revised and shared with the CAG. Development of the CHASP will take several months.

Josh briefly discussed the status of the two research nurseries that have been planted: one at Clearview and another on a PA. Game Commission property about an hour north of Philadelphia. Various types of planting methods were used at the nurseries to determine what is best for the full landfill cover when it is time for it to be planted.

As for the Clearview Landfill Groundwater (Operable Unit 3 (OU3)), EPA is preparing to conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> of sampling this summer. All three rounds of sampling will be used to determine how and where contamination is moving as evaluate any potential risks.

For the Folcroft Landfill (Operable Unit 2), the Responsible Parties (RPs) have completed their shallow groundwater investigation. They have submitted a new plan to EPA for investigating the bedrock to see if the contamination from the shallow has moved down into it at all. The plan has been approved by EPA and the RPs will be starting that investigation in the next several weeks.

Community involvement Update: Larry Brown, CIC, for the site provided an update on community involvement activities.

Community Involvement Plan [CIP]: Tetra-Tech is EPA's contractor for the LDCA Site and is currently working with EPA on updating the CIP. This work will proceed over the next several months. Larry stated that the CIP will detail how EPA plans to work with community and keep them informed as cleanup is proceeding. The CAG, and the community at large, will be given a draft of the CIP and asked to comment on the document before it is finalized.

FAQs: Tetra-Tech is working on developing an up-to-date FAQ document which will be widely distributed and will be posted on EPA's website. The FAQs will document and answer those questions that are most asked by the community. Hopefully this will also be helpful at CAG meeting as some CAGs and Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs), (the Federal Facility and military base equivalent of a CAG) actually refer people to the FAQs instead of taking their meeting time readdressing those repeated questions. The FAQs will be updated 2 to 3 times a year.

EPA will post at least 2 more notices in the SW Globe Times, one to announce the June 10, 2015, meeting where the CAG activities will transition from EPA to the newly formed CAG and it's Leadership Team, and second notice announcing that the Eastwick CAG, yet to be named, is the official EPA recognized CAG for the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site and they will meet on specific day, place and time etc.

## **CAG LEADERSHIP TEAM SELECTION**

Next, Marion briefly reviewed, for all those present, the process through which CAG members were selected during the April 8, 2015 CAG meeting. Next, she reviewed with those present, how the current CAG Leadership Team nominees had been selected. Four names were put forward at the April 8th CAG meeting and following that meeting one additional CAG member was nominated for the CAG Leadership Team: Ted Pickett. Marion stated that she had individual discussions with each CAG member nominated to serve as part of the Leadership Team and that each person had indicated their willingness and desire to serve as part of the team. Each person indicated they were prepared to spend the time and effort required to do the work necessary to ensure that the new CAG met the requirements of an EPA-recognized CAG, and that they anxious to begin their work.

Marion asked if there were any questions from the CAG members present regarding the CAG Leadership Team nominees. No questions were raised by the membership. A motion was made and seconded to approve the following five resident CAG members to become the new CAG Leadership Team:

- Leo Brundage

- Earl Wilson
- Margaret Cobb
- Joanne Graham
- Ted Pickett

The Leadership Team was unanimously approved by voice vote of the full CAG membership.

## **CAG OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Next, Marion presented the Final Draft Operating Procedures to the CAG membership. She indicated to those present that there had been a meeting on May 12th for all CAG members to discuss the final draft document, and to solicit any final comments that CAG members might have on the operating procedures. Marion indicated that several CAG members attended that meeting, held at the Eastwick Library. Additionally, all the Leadership Team nominees also attended that meeting.

Marion explained that the CAG operating procedures are designed to help ensure that CAG discussions are productive and results oriented. In order to do that, the procedures serve two primary purposes:

- to define how the CAG members will work together “internally:
- to define how the CAG will communicate and interact “externally” with the broader Eastwick community, partner agencies, and other parties involved with cleanup activities at the LDCA Superfund Site

Two key components of the Operating Procedures were highlighted so that all CAG members were aware of these provisions of the procedures:

- Ombudsman: Jeannette Guess and Leonard Stewart will serve as CAG Ombudsman to informally address and help resolve any complaints that might arise about the way the CAG is operating, or to address any disputes that might arise from members who feel the CAG is not being managed or run according to the approved operating procedures.
- Working Groups: The CAG Leadership Team is given the authority to establish “working groups” when necessary or desirable” in order to foster more effective dialogue and discussion between the CAG membership and EPA [or any other partner agency], etc. This concept emerged during discussions between Marion and CAG member, the Leadership Team, EPA, and Expert Resource CAG members between the April 8th and May 13th CAG Formation meetings.

Marion also noted that these Operating Procedures will likely change, and be further refined, over time to meet the changing needs of the CAG. She noted that the CAG Leadership Team will be responsible for recommending changes, when they are necessary and appropriate, to the full CAG membership, and that the full CAG membership will vote on such changes.

The full membership voted to formally adopt the CAG Operating Procedures so that they could begin to be implemented by the new CAG Leadership Team at the upcoming June CAG meeting.

## **EPA OVERVIEW OF ISSUES/QUESTIONS WHERE EPA IS SEEKING CAG INPUT**

There are three initial topics that EPA is interested in obtaining input from the CAG immediately or in the very near future. These include the Pre-Design Investigation (PDI), the Community Health and Safety Plan (CHASP) and the Community Involvement Plan (CIP).

As discussed earlier in the meeting, the PDI is intended to provide additional information that will inform the development of the RD. This is driven largely by the requirements of the ROD and as such, there may be limited opportunities for any revisions to the PDI plan. However, EPA had discussed the PDI with the proposed Technical Work Group chairs before the CAG meeting and there was interest in having additional discussions before the next CAG meeting to go over the plans for the PDI.

Also as mentioned above, the CHASP development is just underway. It is intended to highlight all of the potential physical health risks, hazards, and nuisances that may occur during the cleanup of OU1 and how they are going to be monitored, addressed and shared with the community. It is likely that individual elements of CHASP will be discussed with the CAG and/or Health & Safety Working Group. EPA has already shared a draft CHASP survey with this Work Group and is waiting for feedback before revising and sharing with the CAG.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO CAG WORKING GROUPS**

Following Josh Barber's presentation, it was announced that two new CAG working groups are already in the process of being established in order to provide EPA with the CAG input that it is looking for on key issues of importance to both EPA and the community.

The two new working groups are:

- Health and Safety Working Group: Co-Chairs - Chere Driver and Dr. Marilyn Howarth
- Technical Working Group: Co-Chairs - Eileen San Pedro and Derron LaBrake

Each working group has two co-chairs including one resident CAG member and one expert resource CAG member. Each working group will eventually have 5 permanent CAG members and is open to all CAG members to attend and to participate in at any time. Also, all working group meetings will be advertised so that anyone in the entire Eastwick community can attend and participate as well. All working group meetings are open to the public. All working group meetings will have a meeting summary prepared and a full report will be made to the full CAG at the next CAG meeting following the working group meeting.

Both working groups will continue to organize themselves over the coming weeks, and will attempt to schedule a first meeting prior to the upcoming June CAG meeting.

## **OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO EPA TO DISCUSS WITH THE CAG IN THE NEXT YEAR**

Josh Barber began to discuss a potential list of other topics that EPA and/or the CAG may want to discuss as the RD progresses. Although all topics were not mentioned, the slide showing these topics was shared with the Leadership Team after the meeting. The topics that were on the slide included:

- Site Reuse planning
- Site signage/communications

- Soil amendment/manufacturing research project
- Animations/Visualizations of construction sequencing
- Grading Plans and final locations of remedy components
- Floodplain impacts from Clearview cleanup
- Fish consumption advisories
- Archaeological Resource Evaluation
- Environmental Footprint Analysis
- Post-construction long-term monitoring and maintenance

There was some brief discussions regarding the promise and interest of various animations and/or movies that can be shared with the CAG and larger community which will show how various portions of the cleanup may be conducted. EPA indicated that, while they have ideas, they are also open to suggestions or requests from the CAG on what can be included with these videos.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Larry Brown noted that at the June CAG meeting, EPA will officially recognize the new CAG and will transfer responsibility for the CAG to the new Leadership Team and to the full CAG membership. EPA will work with the new CAG Leadership Team to notice this meeting and work on an agenda for this meeting.

Marion stated that EPA has asked her to provide a 1/2-day workshop on “meeting planning and meeting facilitation” for any CAG members who might want to attend such a workshop. This workshop will occur on the day prior to the next CAG meeting - on June 9, 2015. The specific times will be confirmed later; however, the location has already been scheduled for the Eastwick Library and the session is likely to occur in the afternoon of that day.

Marion noted that she will also work with the new Leadership Team to develop an agenda for the June meeting but that the following items will be on that agenda:

- Formal recognition of the new CAG by EPA
- EPA update on technical and community involvement activities
- CAG working group reports
- Other items to be determined in conjunction with the new Leadership Team

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm