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**Meeting Summary**

**ATLAS TACK CORP. SUPERFUND SITE**

**CITIZEN/GOVERNMENT WORK GROUP**

**5th Meeting - 7:00 to 8:30 PM, November 12, 1997**  
**Fairhaven Town Hall**

**Participants**

Citizens

Jeff Lucas

Fred Schonheinz

Patricia Pelczar

Penny Mendes

Bob Mendes

Roman Rusinoski

Beatrice M. Faunce

Kevin Doherty - Sea Change

Lelia Mitchell - Sea Change

Diana Cobbold - Sea Change

Town of Fairhaven

Robert Hamilton - Board of Selectmen

Bryan Wood - Board of Selectmen

Frank Rezendes - BPW

News Media

Jack Stewardson - New Bedford Standard Times

Lori Rebello - The Advocate

Atlas Tack Corp.

Roland Levesque

Kevin O'Connor - Attorney

Martin Legg - Attorney

Federal and State Representatives

Elsie Souza - Federal Rep. Barney Frank's Office

EPA

Angela Bonarrigo - Community Relations Coordinator

Dan Coughlin - Section Chief

Art Cunningham - Roy F. Weston, Inc.

Paul Craffey - Remedial Project Manager



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**MEETING AGENDA**

1. Introduction - Group
2. Remedial Alternatives Screening  
Technical Memorandum - Paul Craffey
3. Feasibility Study Schedule - Paul Craffey
4. Other Issues - Group

The purpose of the following summary is to record the main discussion of the meeting. Not every detail discussed during the meeting is included in this summary. This summary can be modified in the next meeting summary, if group members feel this summary does not adequately reflect the discussion at the meeting. Any comments on this summary should be sent to Paul Craffey at EPA, JFK Federal Building (HBO), Boston, MA 02203 or by calling (617) 223-5581.

The purpose of this meeting was to inform the citizens of Fairhaven about the on going Feasibility Study and other site activities. Hopefully this will lead to a beneficial exchange of information between the EPA and the public, and help the cleanup process proceed smoothly.

**MEETING SUMMARY**

1. **Introduction** - The participants introduced themselves. Paul Craffey asked if there were any comments on the summary of the last meeting. Meeting summaries and other site information are in the Town's library. There was no discussion about the past summary.

2. **Technical Memorandum** - Paul Craffey handed out a summary of the Remedial Alternatives Screening Technical Memorandum. The following comments regarding the Technical Memorandum were:

- a. The purpose of releasing this draft document is to let the public know what is in a Feasibility Study and to give the public as much time to think about the potential alternatives as possible. This is not normally done by the EPA.
- b. Please keep in mind that this is a draft document subject to change. The final Feasibility Study Report will be used by the EPA to make the selection of a preferred alternative in the Proposed Plan.
- c. EPA will be accepting comments on this Tech Memo. Please send them to Paul Craffey at the JFK Federal Building, HBO, Boston, MA 02203.
- d. Comments will be reviewed and may be sent to EPA's Contractor Roy F. Weston, Inc.
- e. EPA's comments are scheduled to be completed and sent to the Contractor by Nov. 26, 1997.
- f. Comment on "What you feel is missing in this report, especially technologies?" so the final Feasibility Study Report can be as comprehensive as possible.

- g. The Public will have a chance to comment on the final Feasibility Study Report and Proposed Plan. Comments submitted during the Proposed Plan comment period are responded to in the Responsiveness Summary. EPA's Record of Decision is based in part on Community and State acceptance. Community acceptance is based on the comments received during the comment period.
- h. Comments on the alternatives will assist EPA in knowing what the community thinks of the alternatives. If you have a preference or do not like any alternative let us know (especially during the Proposed Plan comment period). Let us know why you like or dislike a particular alternative.
- i. The No-Action and Minimal No-Action Alternatives are always kept for comparison and are required to be included into the Feasibility Study Report by regulation.

Patricia Pelczar said that she wanted more information than a summary on the Technical Memorandum. Paul Craffey said that the purpose of this meeting was to inform the citizens about the Technical Memorandum and the Feasibility Study process, and more details about the Feasibility Study Report will be presented at future meetings.

Selectman Robert Hamilton said he did not receive his copy of the Technical Memorandum. Paul Craffey said that the reports were delivered to the Town Hall by Claudia Kirk. More copies would be provided to the Town. Paul Craffey called (11/13/97) Jan at the Town Hall. Jan said that Claudia did deliver the reports on October 31, 1997. Two additional reports were sent to the Town. Dan Coughlin said there will be other opportunities to comment on the Feasibility Study.

Selectman Bryan Wood ask who was in control. Paul Craffey said that EPA's contractor was doing the Feasibility Study Report. Selectman Wood ask about the building construction. Paul Craffey said that the Town has given out a permit on the rodent control and have another permit for the building that had not been picked up. (More on this item below in Other Issues.)

Selectman Hamilton asked when Record of Decision (ROD) was due. Dan Coughlin said the target date for the ROD is September 30, 1998. Selectman Hamilton asked what the next step is after the ROD. Dan Coughlin said that the EPA has to negotiate with the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) and the EPA starts with a Notice Letter with a 120 day moratorium. Hopefully these negotiations will be complete within 6 months.

Selectman Hamilton was concerned with the excavation at the bike path. Paul Craffey said that based on the information in the Remedial Investigation that EPA did not feel that any site contamination was on the bike path. No sampling was done on the bike path, but the sampling done near the bike path did not indicate site related contamination was present. It was

suggested that the Town could do sampling at the bike path to make sure.

Selectman Hamilton asked about the concerns during clean up. Paul Craffey said one concern is the potential movement by wind of soil from the site. The EPA would try to minimize any soil movement or disruption to the neighbors during the clean up.

Patricia Pelczar asked if the proposed bike path was on the Atlas site. Paul Craffey said that the bike path was not on the site, but next to the site. Patricia Pelczar asked if the Town was doing testing of the soils on the bike path. Selectman Hamilton said that the Town would be looking into sampling. Dan Coughlin said that the EPA would assist the Town in determining the best way to do the sampling.

Jeff Lucas asked if Boys Creek was on the Atlas property. Paul Craffey said Boys Creek goes under the former railroad tracks onto the Atlas property.

Art Cunningham reviewed the site contamination, areas, and alternatives in the Remedial Alternatives Screening Technical Memorandum.

Roman Rusinoski said that the Hathaway Braley Wharf Co. property was not part of the site. Paul Craffey said that sampling has indicated contamination on the Hathaway property the same as the contamination on the Atlas property. The court will determine who are responsible for the contamination.

A citizen asked what route the truck will take during the cleanup. Paul Craffey said that the EPA does not know at this point, since a remedy has not been selected. The EPA will discuss with the Town and citizens before deciding on any truck routes.

Jeff Lucas asked about taking the building down. Dan Coughlin said that EPA may or may not take the building down, it depend on the results of the Feasibility Study.

3. **Feasibility Study Schedule** - Paul Craffey handed out the FS schedule. No questions were asked about the schedule.

#### 4. **Other Issues**

104E Letter The EPA sent to Atlas Tack a request for information letter (104E) regarding site ownership; waste disposal practices; and other business questions.

Property Survey A property line survey (by Roy F. Weston) of the Hathaway Braley Wharf Co. and Atlas Tack properties was completed. Because of the property survey, a portion of the Hathaway property (the end of Church St.) was eliminated from the

site. This is shown in Figure 1-2 of the Tech Memo.

Building A Pest Control permit has be given to Atlas from the Town. This action is the result of the pending court date (December 3, 1997). The building roof will be repaired.

Site Security Atlas has fixed the fence around the property. Atlas has place more signs at the site. Paul Craffey asked the Town about the fire suppression system. One citizen was concerned about the fire alarm going off in the Atlas building. Selectman Hamilton is to ask the Fire Chief.

Next Meeting Scheduled Paul Craffey suggested that the next meeting be held after the release of the draft Feasibility Study Report scheduled for January 1998.

REMEDIAL ALTERNATIVES SCREENING TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM  
ATLAS TACK CORP. SUPERFUND SITE  
SUMMARY

**Section 1 Introduction (Remedial Investigation Summary)**

**Site Background and Description**

**Nature and Extent of Contamination**

**Fate and Transport of Contamination**

**Risk Assessment**

**Section 2 Remedial Action Objectives and Cleanup Goals**

**Identification of Regulations (ARARs)**

**Cleanup Goals Based on Media  
(Soil, Sediment, Groundwater, and Surface Water)**

**Volumes of Contaminated Media**

**Section 3 Identification and Screening of Technologies**

**Development of General Response Actions**

**Screening of Remedial Technologies and Process Options**

**Section 4 Development and Screening of Alternatives for Each Area**

**Soil Waste and Debris Areas**

**Commercial Area**

**Non-Commercial Upland Soil**

**Creek Bed Sediment**

**Groundwater**

**FEASIBILITY STUDY SCHEDULE**

**ATLAS TACK CORP. SUPERFUND SITE**

WORK TASK	SCHEDULE DATE	ACTUAL DATE
Start (Notice to Proceed)		Jan. 28, 1997
Establish Remedial Action Outcomes and ARARs		May 12, 1997
Draft Ecologic Cleanup Standards		May 29, 1997
Final Ecologic Cleanup Standards		Sept. 17, 1997
Draft Remedial Alternative Screening Technical Memo		Oct. 22, 1997
Resolve Comments on Technical Memo	Dec. 8, 1997	
Draft Feasibility Study Report	Jan. 22, 1998	
Feasibility Study Report	March 30, 1998	
Public Meeting	April 1998	

Date Prepared: November 1, 1997



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## *You Are Invited*

☞ The Atlas Tack Superfund Site citizen/government work group will hold an informational meeting to discuss the Feasibility Study Technical Memorandum and the schedule of the Feasibility Study.

*Wednesday, November 12, 1997*

⌚ *7:00 p.m.*

*Fairhaven Town Hall*

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions:

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