

**Phoenix-Goodyear Airport (PGA) Area/Western Avenue Plume
Community Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting**

Thursday, November 6, 2014

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Pebble Creek Eagles Nest Ballroom

3645 Clubhouse Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395

FINAL MINUTES

CAG Members in Attendance:

Lisa Amos
Tim Birdsall
David Ellis
Karl Havlicek
Diane Krone
Jeff Raible - Co-chair
Frank Scott – Co-chair
Earl Smith
Glen Turner

ADEQ Staff in Attendance:

Harry Hendler, Federal Projects Unit Manager
Patrick Shinabery, PGA North Project Manager
Scott Green, Remedial Projects Unit Manager
Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator

Facilitator:

Dr. Marty Rozelle

EPA Staff in Attendance:

Catherine Brown

Others in Attendance:

Larry Phillip, ITSI Gilbane; Anitria Hairston, ITSI Gilbane; Harry Brenton, Matrix New World Engineering; Stephanie Lyn Koehne, AMEC; Tom Suriano, Clear Creek Associates; Gretchen Erwin, City of Goodyear; Nancy Campbell; Brian Waggle, Hargis+Associates, Inc.; Kathy Hunter, Hargis+Associates, Inc.; Michael Long, Hargis+Associates, Inc.; Joe Husband, City of Phoenix Aviation Dept., Marilyn Havlicek; David Iwanski; Bill Banard.

Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chair Jeff Raible called meeting to order. Introductions were made by CAG Members.

WESTERN AVENUE – Brian Waggle, Hargis+Associates, Inc. (see attached presentation)

ADEQ consultant from Hargis +Associates, Mr. Brian Waggle, presented a quarterly update on current tetrachloroethene (PCE) and groundwater level trends, recent activities, the Record of Decision (ROD) and upcoming activities.

A CAG member stated their concern that a source was never found nor was a responsible party. Another concern is the early closing of WQARF activity at the site. The consultant responded that ADEQ isn't closing the site. Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) encompasses all the current ongoing activities and will continue. ADEQ is not leaving the site, and they will continue to monitor the situation and if anything happens out of the ordinary or needs addressing it will be taken care of.

A CAG member stated their concern that without the public forum, results of future testing or activities at the site will end up in a document somewhere without a public forum to discuss (See responses to CAG member questions below under Community Involvement Guidance).

A CAG member asked if ADEQ will continue the process of working with the Cities (Avondale, Litchfield Park and Goodyear) and providing updates regarding the site. The consultant responded that it was his understanding it would. The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) also states that after a year the data will be reviewed. If the community group is available at that time, that would be the venue to discuss the results.

PGA NORTH SITE – Catherine Brown, EPA Project Manager (see attached presentation)

Ms. Brown provided an update on current trends, analysis and groundwater statistics; recent activities; ROD Amendment status update; Northwest injection pipeline and well installation and upcoming plans.

Mr. Karl Havelick, asked why well 51-A northwest of Indian School isn't shown on the map. He also commented that other wells were not provided in the presentation; one on Bullard just south of Indian School Road and the other is just north of Indian School. Those two wells were installed to control contamination. He stated it is important for the public to know that those wells did their job and that important information was not indicated in the presentation. Ms. Brown responded that the focus of the presentation was the completion of the ROD Amendment. Crane, Consultant for the responsible party responded that the Trichloroethene(TCE) concentrations for well 51-A were 4.5 to 4.6 micro grams per liter(ug/l). It is a new well that came on line in July and it is anticipated that the numbers will decrease over time, ultimately showing non-detect.

A CAG member asked about receiving a copy of the presentation because it is hard to read. Ms. Brown apologized for not having more legible copies and that she would email the presentation and/or the handout can also be viewed, downloaded and printed from the EPA website.

A CAG member asked about a timeline on the remedial plan, specifically when the first treatment would take place. Ms. Brown responded that there is no firm schedule. The first part of the plan detailing how the process will occur is due December 1 and then it has to go through approval. EPA and ADEQ will work to get it approval quickly.

A CAG member asked if EPA and consultants are getting the results they expected from the new injection wells referenced earlier. Crane responded they were and said the northeast system is a very dynamic system. They anticipate it will take from nine months to a year before they see the levels drop below where they expect them to be in the groundwater flow.

Crane thanked everyone (CAG) for their hard work and all that had been accomplished over the last five years. Ms. Brown was also thanked for being a proponent of that work and for the balance she has kept between the agencies, the stakeholders and the responsible parties all while keeping things moving towards the common goal. Crane also stated that Ms. Brown had asked them to be available to the CAG during the transition and she asked that the CAG continue to get the weekly and monthly reports as before. Crane will make themselves available to discuss any questions, concerns or data with the CAG in the future.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT GUIDANCE – Catherine Brown, EPA Project Manager (see attached presentation)

Ms. Brown provided an update on the changes to staffing due to early retirements, internal office location changes and budgetary cuts, all of which have led to management and staff changes. One of those being Arizona Superfund Sites has been moved to a new management chain. Assignments are still in flux and notifications of assigned personnel will take place soon. There is also a new Community Involvement Manager and new Community Involvement Coordinators (CIC). A CIC was recently assigned to the PGA Site, Ms. Carlin Hafiz, who will be starting in January 2015.

Ms. Brown also stated that since the ROD Amendment has been signed, it is her intent to send out a fact sheet to all residents within the site area. The fact sheet will also include information about PGA South activities and the upcoming five-year review process. The fact sheet will ask for volunteers to participate in the new community involvement group. Ms. Brown invited the existing CAG members to volunteer for the new group. She added that the fact sheet will provide contact information for those interested parties who want to join the new community group and a kick-off meeting will be scheduled in the first quarter of 2015. This meeting will review site activities and provide the opportunity to talk with potential volunteers regarding the roles, responsibilities, meeting frequency, mission statement, time commitments and establish a community group name. Ms. Brown also stated they will continue to hold open houses in the community as she considers those very successful.

Mr. Tim Bridsall requested that the current name of Community Advisory Group stay intact for continuity and because the EPA website indicates that is the predominate naming of these types of groups. The link was previously sent to members by EPA and stated this was the community involvement method. Ms. Brown suggested changing the name to identify that there has been a modification to the group and change of oversight.

A CAG member stated that, while they appreciate that EPA has a different system for handling community involvement, from the group's standpoint they feel like this group should be an ongoing, unchanging, core group of individuals engaged in the ongoing process; and that they will continue to have an open dialog with EPA. In addition, the members do not believe that there will be a significant increase in volunteers as they have invited participation on several occasions without much success.

Ms. Brown indicated that the newly assigned CIC needs to hear and be involved in the ongoing dialog and suggestions with the CAG. The CAG member expressed disappointment that the new CIC wasn't in attendance at the meeting. Even though her official start date isn't until January, it was expressed that there has been substantial time to prepare. The CAG member indicated the feeling that the group has been left out of the process under EPA leadership, but will trust that the new process will work. Ms. Brown reiterated the multiple ongoing changes at EPA, the logistical problems associated with those changes, the fact that she has not met the new CIC, and that the transition of the community group from ADEQ to EPA leadership has impacted the timeline and the availability of personnel.

Ms. Diane Krone indicated she thought it was disrespectful of the EPA to hold the existing groups efforts to date as unimportant. The least of which, there should be a personal invitation from EPA to the existing group (CAG) to join in the ongoing community effort and to be a part of the new process. Ms. Krone felt there was a lack of communication from EPA and that EPA doesn't see the group as a valuable entity. Ms. Krone stated that the CAG wants to be assured that the group (CAG) will move forward in their efforts on behalf of the affected communities. Ms. Brown indicated that there was no intentional slight to the group and apologized if it came across as disrespectful. She reiterated the multiple changes in the EPA and a majority of those changes have occurred since the last meeting. Ms. Brown felt that getting the ROD amendment signed was significant and that work took priority. Ms. Brown invited the existing group to volunteer for the new group and stated that she could not assign or select members of the new body; the process is completely voluntary so that it truly represents the community.

Mr. Jeff Raible, stated that there has been great momentum to date on the site and there is a concern that the forward momentum will be lost in many areas, not just community involvement/information. He wants and would like to see EPA conclude a quick transition so that doesn't happen, as well as keeping the core group of knowledgeable people together; it is important. Ms. Brown responded that it is EPA's intent to continue forward movement and she doesn't share the concern that forward movement will be lost.

Call to the Public:

Representatives from the cities of Avondale, Goodyear and Litchfield Park commented that they support this group and its benefit to the communities and would like this group to continue providing information and support to the communities surrounding the site. A City of Goodyear representative expressed the City's desire to help the group by providing resources, meeting locations, etc.

Joe Husband, City of Phoenix-Goodyear Airport, who hosts one of the responsible parties and clean-up efforts at his location, wanted to thank the group for its service and commitment to this effort. As a member of the community and an interested party, he requests that the existing group continue moving forward and keep the institutional knowledge and history intact. He believes there is a lot of value to the existing board and that it is critically important that the stakeholders and the communities the board represents continue to receive information from the agencies. Also, that the community have a way to express its concerns back to the board. He continued to acknowledge the EPA and ADEQ for their involvement, as regulators of the project and the responsible parties and he hopes they continue to be responsible and responsive to the needs and desires of the communities and continue with an eye on ongoing safety.

Interim Avondale City Councilmen Dave Iwanski thanked the board, EPA and ADEQ for its work, dedication and exemplary efforts in what has proven to be an extremely long and difficult process. He stated 5 years ago the Mayors of the impacted Cities had signed a letter to EPA's highest management, stating their concerns that this was an incredibly important issue and that a more aggressive approach to the problem needed to happen. That letter had the desired effect, and the results speak for themselves. He believes that considering the comments of the evening, the communities' mayors should sign another letter reiterating their concerns and that no matter what the community entity is called that the importance of the Citizens Advisory Group continue their efforts on behalf of their cities.

Goodyear City Councilmember Wally Campbell mentioned a meeting she had with one of the CAG members, then attended one of the meetings and came to understand that her community had not stepped up to the plate to help resolve the water issues. Now the City has someone in the water department monitoring results and updates, and reports are sent to him from ADEQ. She has a meeting with this individual once a month to discuss the progress of the plume and well status. The council member appreciates what has been done by all those involved and is pleased with the progress that has taken place to date.

CAG Business:

- ✓ Motion to accept minutes from the August meeting, unanimous acceptance of both with edits to remove community member with missing last name and “None” from call to public as there were comments.
- ✓ Less statistical information and more about project activity and problems in future presentations.
- ✓ Thank you/acknowledgement ceremony, presentation of certificates of appreciation from ADEQ and group photo for the Board’s service to the communities.
- ✓ Board Continuation under EPA purview:
 - Want to stay as a group / board
 - Don’t want the group too big
 - Want to continue to meet quarterly
 - With EPA attendance (CIC or Ms. Brown)
 - Wants to continue to host annual open houses or community meetings
 - Wants to continue to receive more in-depth minutes rather than just action items
 - Want to continue to receive quarterly updates (Hot Topics)
 - Want to continue to receive agendas

Future Meeting Agenda Discussion

Direction of community involvement and future meetings will be led by EPA, potential group members need to be selected as a first step. EPA will send/post a notice for the public requesting volunteer participation in the new group. A public informational meeting will then be held to gather and review candidates. Once all the candidates are selected for the new group, a meeting date can be set to establish the charter, group name, meeting frequency and days/dates, etc.

Action items:

1. Karl Havlicek handed out a letter he sent to EPA.
2. Draft a charter for the new EPA body.
3. Set date for new EPA group to meet (EPA working with ADEQ) to set meeting for 1st Quarter 2015 after community meeting and in conjunction with schedules of potential new group members.
4. Current Board would like to keep 1st Thursday of February as the meeting date if possible.
5. Current Board would like to continue the quarterly meeting schedule.

6. Current Board members to meet on February 5, 2015 regardless of EPA's attendance to discuss and update the charter for presentation at the EPA community meeting. Ms. Brown asked the members to be open to new CIC or new member's suggestions.
7. Dave Iwanski will assist in drafting a letter to EPA Management from all of the involved cities Mayor's and communicate finished item with board members for review and comment.
8. Clarifying the responsibility and roles that ADEQ used to handle (secretarial work, minutes, etc.).
9. EPA, the Crane Team, offered to continue to send the weekly and monthly project updates.
10. Western Avenue status update. ADEQ to notify and distribute to current members the final ROD. ADEQ will work with EPA CIC to coordinate information distribution and presentations fat upcoming PGA meetings.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, unanimous acceptance.