

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION  
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING NO. 7**

**DATE:** May 2, 2003  
**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. EST  
**LOCATION:** GM Powertrain Bedford Plant  
**RECORDED BY:** Lisa Meoli

**ATTENDEES:** Kathy Bommarito - General Motors  
Janie Craig Chenault - County Commissioner  
Paul Ford - General Motors  
Stanley Glenn - City Council Member  
John Gunter - Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Bob Hamilton - Hamilton & Associates Real Estate  
Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors  
Mike Hilfinger - General Motors Real Estate  
Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian  
Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
Lisa Meoli - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
Ed Peterson - General Motors  
Adele Bowden-Purlee - Bedford Resident  
Peter Ramanauskas - Environmental Protection Agency  
Larry Smith - Bedford Resident  
Brad Stimple - Environmental Protection Agency

**ABSENT:** *The following members were invited but could not attend:*  
Thomas Brent - Bedford Resident and Environmental Professional  
Kim Dobosenski - General Motors  
Tammie Jean - County Assessors Office  
John Thomas - GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager  
John Williams - City of Bedford

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**11:20** Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.

**11:25** Cheryl Hiatt presented the Old Business from the 03/07/03 meeting.

- The Panel commented on and approved the draft Meeting Minutes from the last meeting. Final Meeting Minutes will be distributed via email and will be placed in the public repositories and on the website.
- Lisa Meoli indicated that the meeting agenda had been modified. Thomas Brent had requested an overview of the Phase II Stream Technical Memorandum. Due to his absence the summary will be provided at the next meeting.

- Cheryl asked if there were any new member nominations. Melva Cooper was discussed as a potential candidate and GM indicated that Kathy would call Melva now that she is back from Florida. Janie also indicated that we should still look for representatives from the two local hospitals and GM indicated they would follow up on that issue.
- Cheryl Hiatt introduced Brad Stimple from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Superfund Division. Brad Stimple introduced himself and indicated that he will be involved in the project during the creek cleanup. Brad indicated he was from the Region 5 Emergency Response Branch of the Superfund Division. Brad's office is located in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- The next CLP meeting was proposed for July 25, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Panel members approved the next CLP meeting to be held on July 25, 2003, from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**11:30** Cheryl Hiatt opened the discussion on New Business. Jim McGuigan presented an overview of the status of the off-site and on-site investigation.

- Stanley Glenn indicated that residents living in areas close to the GM plant are still expressing concern regarding their property values. Ed Peterson indicated that a meeting with local realtors is planned to occur soon. GM would be discussing property issues with them. Ed indicated that GM has seen no impacts on property value based on the interest received in properties GM is now reselling, and that GM was maintaining property values in the areas next to the creek through property plans.
- Ed asked Stanley where the properties are located geographically. Stanley indicated that the property owners most concerned are those either near the GM plant or next to the contiguous property owners, for example, an owner located three lots away from a contaminated property. Mike Hilfinger indicated that in general GM was offering to resell the properties for purchase price, which is fair market value less 2-3 percent since GM was asking for a deed restriction on the property for groundwater usage. Mike stated that all properties being resold by GM will have disclosures regarding all sampling conducted on the property.
- Janie indicated that GM received positive comments from prospective mayoral candidates in a recent newspaper article about the project and overall GM effort.
- Stanley suggested that GM publish a press release for Mike's meeting with the Bedford realtors.
- Bob indicated that he has received minimal concern when showing properties listed for sale. Bob has not gotten any negative feedback from potential buyers.
- Jim McGuigan discussed the status of the on-site investigation. Jim indicated that GM has installed the final "Waterloo System". The groundwater wells are currently being sampled. Jim indicated that groundwater sampling of the wells is ongoing through May 2003. GM is continuing the subsurface investigation at AOI 4 (Former North Disposal Area) including angle drilling, coring, logging, straddle-packer testing, and abandonment.

- Jim discussed evaluation of sampling requests from off-site areas on a case-by-case basis. Jim indicated that GM is receiving fewer phone calls and in general, there appears to be fewer questions from the public. Jim indicated that tree clearing had occurred prior to the April 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Fish and Wildlife deadline due to guidelines US Fish and Wildlife has regarding migration timing of the Indiana Bat. Jim stated that an Indiana Bat survey would be completed this spring/summer. Ed stated that specialists from the J.F. New Company would perform the Indiana Bat survey. Ed stated that the survey would require special permits and would be performed at night. GM will be notifying residents in areas where the survey will take place. Cheryl indicated J.F. New would be hiring a professor at Indiana State University to assist in performing the survey.

**11:45** Ed presented an overview of the status of the Interim Measures.

- Ed further explained Brad Stimples' role in the project and the CERCLA Division for Removal Action. Brad indicated that the project is better suited under the CERCLA program for the off-site work. Brad explained that the same work was being performed, and still under the U.S. EPA, only under a different program.
- Ed indicated that GM is currently finalizing a surface water model to evaluate the interaction between groundwater and surface water creek flow.
- Ed indicated that GM was making progress with regard to having the work plans approved by the U.S. EPA. Ed indicated that GM was working out access issues, and U.S. EPA was assisting in that process. Ed indicated that GM is delayed due to access issues on certain properties. Ed explained that U.S. EPA would have statutory authority to get access if GM's attempts fail. GM has sent out an access agreement to all owners of parcels in the creek cleanup that have not already agreed to access. This agreement offers \$4,000 to the owner to provide access.
- Ed indicated that due to access issues with the original properties included in the Upstream Work Plan, four or five parcels had been added in the initial work plan (where GM already has access and the properties are in the upstream part of the creek) to assure that there are adequate areas approved in the plan to continue work throughout the summer. Therefore, the work plan was modified and re-bids were submitted. Bids were received the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>. Selection of a contractor should occur within the next two weeks. Cheryl indicated that the selected Contractor would use local labor to the extent possible to perform the work.
- Larry Smith asked about the drill rig located next to Bailey Branch Creek on Broomsage Road. Jim indicated that a track drill rig is located on Parcel 23 because GM was trying to determine whether the stream influences the groundwater or the groundwater influences the stream. Jim indicated that piezometers will be installed along the creek to monitor groundwater and creek interface. Jim further explained the geological formations.
- Cheryl indicated that GM was evaluating seepage control measures in areas where there is a potential for future recontamination after cleanup. Ed stated that GM would continue to monitor for spring and seep locations during the cleanup as one

element of removal in the work plan. Other elements of the work plan will include sediment removal in creek, removal of floodplain soil, staging area construction, and restoration including clean soil and vegetation.

- Ed indicated that the cleanup standard had been slightly lowered to be consistent with Indiana Department of Environmental Management criteria, although the number is essentially the same as that developed by GM in the Site specific risk assessment. The cleanup standard is 1 ppm for sediment and 1.8 ppm for soils in the flood plain.
- Cheryl and Ed further explained access issues. Cheryl discussed the request for access sent out on April 14, 2003 offering residents who did not wish to sign up for the property protection plan 4,000 dollars for access to the property. Approximately 10 to 14 letters were mailed and/or hand delivered to the property owners or their counsel. Ed indicated that the property protection plan for access provides additional monetary value over the access agreement discussed above. Cheryl indicated that GM was also currently working with local lumber dealers to assess the value of any trees cut down on the property. Cheryl stated that the property owner will receive whatever GM is compensated for timber value of any trees removed in the cleanup areas.
- Stanley asked if U.S. EPA access would be through imminent domain. Brad indicated that U.S. EPA would issue an order for access as a last resort if all of GM's attempts fail. The issue would be taken to a federal judge if they continuously deny access. Stanley asked if the 4,000 dollars would still be issued if U.S EPA gives an order. Ed indicated that GM would not be rescinding the offer if the resident then decided to sign the access agreement.
- Janie asked how long the process would take to get access. Ed explained access attempts to Janie. Brad and Cheryl indicated that U.S. EPA will be meeting one on one with residents (and/or their counsel) to discuss access issues.

**11:50** Mike Hilfinger presented an overview of the properties listed for sale and the status of the Property Protection Plan.

- Mike briefly reviewed the different Property Protection Plans, including Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C. Mike indicated that 35 properties are in Plan A, 83 properties are in Plan B, and 41 properties are in Plan C. Mike stated that 80 properties have either signed the participation agreement and/or sold to GM.
- Mike reviewed the properties currently listed for sale. Those addresses include 569 Rawlins Mill Road, 609 Rawlins Mill Road, 128 Inman Court, 321 North Jackson, 633 Riley Boulevard A & B, and 635 Riley Boulevard A & B.
- Mike stated that GM is planning on listing four additional vacant properties. Three properties are on North Jackson and one is located on Barlow Lane.

**12:20** Kathy presented an overview of the community relations.

- Kathy stated that GM is donating two properties to Charity Chapel. Kathy visited the organization and gathered information. Kathy stated that Charity Chapel provides shelter for woman, widows, and people with disabilities. Janie stated that

Charity Chapel is a well-known organization and she was supportive of this proposal. Janie indicated that hundreds of hot meals are provided annually to the impoverished. Paul Ford indicated that the Plant's Professional Managers Network volunteers at the Charity Chapel for the Plant to assist Charity Chapel in refurbishing the facility.

**12:25** Cheryl presented an overview of the proposed agenda for the next CLP meeting.

- Lisa will present the Phase II Stream Technical Memorandum at the next CLP meeting.
- Ed indicated that the panel would go on a tour of the creek areas during the next meeting.
- Meeting minutes will be emailed to members for approval at the next meeting.

**12:30** Meeting ended.