

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES
MEETING NO. 8**

DATE: August 22, 2003
TIME: 11:00 A.M. EST
LOCATION: GM Powertrain Bedford Plant
RECORDED BY: Benita Robinson

ATTENDEES: Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors
Becki Akers - General Motors
Rick Wallace - Dunn Memorial Hospital
Melva Cooper - Bedford Resident
Larry Smith - Bedford Resident
Bob Hamilton - Hamilton & Associates Real Estate
Bridgid Thomas - Bedford Regional Medical Center
Thomas Brent - Bedford Resident and Environmental Professional
Ed Peterson - General Motors
Stacey Delareinkrie - TetraTech/EPA
Brad Stimple - Environmental Protection Agency
Jeroen Winterink - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Jeff Nichols - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Mike Hilfinger - General Motors Real Estate
Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Benita Robinson - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Paul Ford - General Motors

ABSENT: *The following members were invited but could not attend:*
Stanley Glenn - City Council Member
John Gunter - Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian
Adele Bowden-Purlee - Bedford Resident
Peter Ramanauskas - Environmental Protection Agency
Janie Craig Chenault - County Commissioner
Kim Dobosenski - General Motors
Tammie Jean - County Assessors Office
John Thomas - GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager
John Williams - City of Bedford
Bill McFarland - General Motors
Staff for Representative Eric Koch

11:15 Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.

11:20 Cheryl presented Old Business from the May 2, 2003 meeting.

- The Panel offered no comments on the draft Meeting Minutes from the last meeting, and therefore the Minutes were approved as submitted. Final Meeting Minutes will

be distributed via email and will be placed in the public repositories and on the website.

- Cheryl remarked that there were several new members present and welcomed them. She then suggested that everyone introduce themselves and give a brief description of their role on the project. Cheryl inquired if there were any new member nominations. No nominations were suggested.
- Cheryl reviewed the agenda for the meeting and indicated that the next meeting's agenda will cover specific issues related to the removal action and the creek cleanup.
- The next CLP meeting was proposed for either October 3 or October 17, 2003. The Panel members approved the next CLP meeting to be held on October 3, 2003, from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

11:30 Cheryl opened the discussion on New Business.

- Cheryl introduced Becki Akers, the new GM Community Relations representative for the GM-Bedford project replacing Kathy Bommarito, who has retired. Becki briefly described her role on the project.
- Bob Hamilton indicated that a resident (Randy Colerca, 1207 Third Street) had called voicing a concern that PCBs may be present in a pipe that stops up and backs up into his basement and onto his neighbor's yard. Randy indicated that the sewer blockage is from a drain leading to an old septic system. Jim McGuigan stated that he believed that the property address Bob mentioned actually was owned by Randy Sylvester and indicated that his property has been retested recently. The data package for the additional sampling is to be delivered to Mr. Sylvester this week. Cheryl stated that GM is aware of the situation and that the pipe is a City of Bedford sewer line. GM has been working with the City to assist in solving the backup issue and steps have been taken to keep the sewer line unobstructed.
- Mike Hilfinger and Bob discussed GM's attendance at the recent Bedford Board of Realtors Meeting that was held on June 20, 2003 in Bedford. The Board of Realtors conducts quarterly meetings and has guest speakers give a 40-minute presentation. Jim and Cheryl spoke to the group about the technical aspects and cleanup, and Mike spoke about the property plans that are in place.
- Mike provided a review of the terms of each of the GM property plans (A, B, and C) for the benefit of the new members.
- Mike indicated that GM is currently listing Plan B and C properties that have no contamination. In general, GM is offering to resell the properties for purchase price, which is fair market value less 2-3 percent since GM is asking for a deed restriction on the property for groundwater usage. Mike stated that all properties being resold by GM would have disclosures regarding all sampling conducted on the property. Mike stated that two properties have been sold to date, two are under contract negotiations, six are to be listed in approximately two weeks, and two in the following month. Listings are made through several different local realtors.
- Mike indicated that GM representatives met with local lenders and mortgage brokers the previous day (August 21, 2003) and gave a presentation on the overall project and GM's Property Protection Plans. Forty invitations were sent out and follow-up calls

made. Mike explained the Property Protection Plan and assured the lenders that GM is aware of the location of the contamination and had contacted all potentially impacted individuals. Mike stated that properties not in a GM Plan should not be impacted, and therefore should pose no abnormal risk to lenders. No contaminated properties are being sold by GM, and any properties with contamination will be cleaned up prior to sale.

- Cheryl stated a meeting was held with the County Road Commissioners on August 7, 2003. GM is working with the Road Commission to have an agreement on maintenance and repairs to the County Roads impacted by the cleanup activities. A video road survey was performed to provide existing road conditions in the area. GM will meet regularly with the commission to address issues such as road restrictions, scheduling, routing, pothole repair, etc. Roads may also need to be repaired at the end of the cleanup. Bridges can only handle 10 tons of weight, so hauling trucks will need to take alternate routes.
- Cheryl stated that a meeting was held on June 3, 2003 for Plan A, B, and C residents to update them on the status of the cleanup. A meeting was held for the general public on June 4, 2003. Questions raised at both meetings have been addressed. The next quarterly residents meetings are tentatively scheduled for September 9 and 10, 2003. In response to questions, Cheryl responded that usually around 20 to 30 people attend the meetings and that the media is kept informed.

11:50 Ed Peterson spoke about the elements of the removal work, which include sediment removal in the creek, removal of floodplain soil, staging area construction, and restoration including clean soil and vegetation.

- Ed reviewed the history of plant waste management practices for the benefit of the new members.
- Ed outlined the areas of the creek where the removal action will take place, and stated that the impacted area of the creek and is approximately 5 miles long. The upstream channel consists primarily of a channel cut through the rock, and the downstream section has more sediment since the channel flatter and runs through areas with more surface soils. Historically, seeps and springs along the creek absorbed oil, which contained PCBs. Ed indicated that the cleanup standard is 1 ppm for sediment and 1.8 ppm for soils in the floodplain. All rock and floodplain sediment exceeding the cleanup standard will be removed and disposed of in an approved landfill. Removal areas will be retested after the excavation activities to insure the cleanup standard is achieved. Clean soil and rock will be replaced. Restoration of grass, trees, etc. will then take place. GM soil staging areas will be located in downstream areas, per the U.S. EPA work plans. A surface water model has been completed for GM plans.
- Tree clearing had been started in early April 2003, and continued until April 14, 2003, at which time activities were suspended due to concerns with the potential presence of an Endangered Species, the Indiana bat. Ed explained that the Indiana bat females roost in trees from mid-April to mid-September, so the clearing was discontinued by April 15. Additional tree clearing will begin soon.
- An Indiana bat mistnetting survey was completed to discover what types of bats inhabit the area. One Indiana bat was found the first day. It was a male and was

found far downstream. A transponder was placed on the male, but the signal was lost about 2 hours later. It is assumed that the bat left the area and did not return. Seven or eight other species of bats were found in the mistnetting, but these species are not endangered. No Indiana bats were found in the upstream section of the creek near the GM Plant. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will work with GM on addressing Indiana bat issues in the downstream section of the removal action area. It was concluded that there are probably no Indiana bat issues in the upstream portion of the creek.

- Severson Environmental Services has been selected as the contractor for this project. Work plans were approved in July 2003 and an Administrative Order of Consent was signed by GM with the U. S. EPA to complete the work.
- Contractors are to start work next week contingent on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval. Work will consist of erosion control and excavation prep work. They will begin digging up soil the week after that.

12:10 As requested by Panel Members at a previous meeting, Jim McGuigan presented an overview of the stream investigation and a summary of the Phase II Stream Investigation Technical Memorandum. This document is available at both public document repositories and on-line at the GM project website.

- Jim briefly described the different programs and the history of agency involvement on the project.
- Jim described the various kinds of sampling conducted; the areas that have been sampled; sampling, analysis, and reporting procedures; and the rationale used for determining sampling locations.
- A summary of the sampling results were reported in the Technical Memorandum, which included stream sampling events conducted during high and low flow periods. In addition, individual property owners received a copy of the sampling results for their properties.
- Soil and sediment sampling was also performed for residents located west of the plant.
- Jim provided an explanation of how to interpret the various maps and Figures that were included as part of the Technical Memorandum.
- Bob Hamilton asked about testing of properties that are being sold. Mike replied that soil sampling would be conducted by CRA whenever necessary.

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

- Cheryl noted that the last scheduled CLP Meeting had been postponed so that a tour of the work area could take place. Since work has not begun in the creek areas, the tour scheduled for today was canceled and will be rescheduled for the next meeting.
- Meeting minutes will be emailed to members for approval at the next meeting.

12:30 Meeting was adjourned.