

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION  
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING NO. 5**

**DATE:** January 10, 2003  
**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. EST  
**LOCATION:** GM Powertrain Bedford Plant  
**RECORDED BY:** Lisa Meoli

**ATTENDEES:** Harry Atkinson - Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
 Kathy Bommarito - General Motors  
 Thomas Brent - Bedford Resident and Environmental Professional  
 Janie Craig Chenault - County Commissioner  
 Kim Dobosenski - General Motors  
 Paul Ford - General Motors  
 Stanley Glenn - City Council Member  
 John Gunter - Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
 Bob Hamilton - Hamilton Real Estate  
 Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors  
 Larry Smith - Bedford Resident  
 Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian  
 Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
 Lisa Meoli - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
 Ed Peterson - General Motors  
 John Williams - City of Bedford

**ABSENT:** *The following members were invited but could not attend:*  
 Tammie Jean - County Assessors Office  
 Karla Fortner - Bedford Resident  
 Mike Hilfinger - General Motors Real Estate  
 Adele Bowman-Purlee - Bedford Chamber of Commerce  
 Peter Ramanauskas - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 Rodney Reynolds - First Pentecostal Church of God  
 John Thomas - GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager  
 Robbin Ricketts - Bedford Regional Medical Center Representative

- 11:15** - Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.
- Kim Dobosenski played a video of the processes that occur at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Kim also played a safety video that is required for visitor's taking a plant tour. Kim also reviewed the GM Powertrain, Bedford Safety Visitor Protocol and passed out signed safety cards after the video. The safety card reviews plant procedures for emergency alarms, emergency phone numbers, meeting rooms, PPE, hazardous materials, moving equipment/pedestrian safety, and other general information.

- 11:35** • Cheryl Hiatt presented the Old Business from the 12/13/02 meeting.
- The Panel 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.
  - Cheryl asked if there were any new member nominations. Janie Chenault recommended Melva Cooper as a new CLP member. Janie indicated that Melva, who resides just South of the river, is very informed about the project. Janie indicated that Melva has a son in the environmental consulting field. Melva communicates to a lot of people in the community. Janie asked Melva if she was interested in becoming a CLP member and she stated yes. Cheryl Hiatt requested that Janie email Melva's contact information and GM would contact her.
  - Cheryl indicated that future openings on the CLP would be available due to the attendance of current members. Cheryl indicated that the CLP needs to reevaluate the status of those members not attending meetings.
  - Cheryl indicated that the Panel members should contact her if they would like to nominate anyone else.
  - The next CLP meeting was proposed for either February 21, 2003 or March 7, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cheryl discussed the frequency of the CLP meetings and asked the panel if they prefer the meetings be held once every other month. The panel agreed that every other month was a good idea. Therefore the Panel members approved the next CLP meeting to be held on March 7, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 11:45** – Cheryl Hiatt opened the discussion on New Business.
- Stanley Glenn asked what the timeline was for restoration of the affected areas. Cheryl and Ed Peterson indicated that according to the schedule, GM has until 2005 to meet the environmental indicator requiring remediation of potential human exposures, however, GM currently anticipates completing the creek cleanup by the end of 2004. Cheryl indicated the Corrective Measure Study is due in April 2007.
  - Ed indicated that the cleanup of creek sediment and soil, cleanup standards for workers on-site, etc. for example, have to be addressed as part of meeting the environmental indicator in 2005.
  - Stanley indicated that those exempt residents that border contiguous properties (2-3 houses away) are concerned about their property value. Cheryl indicated that GM has established the property plans for contiguous properties as well as properties along the creek to maintain property values in the area. Stanley indicated that misinformation may be the reason for the confusion because a resident told him that everyone living around the plant would be receiving five thousand dollars from GM.
  - Stanley indicated that a resident told him they had requested sampling on their property and was told by GM that the property was outside of the

area. Cheryl explained that each request is handled on a case-by-case basis and that if they are too far away from the streams that there is no mechanism for the transport of contamination. Ed indicated that GM also evaluates previous sampling locations and results in the surrounding areas to the property sample request and that GM responds to every call.

- Janie indicated that in conversations with Mr. Tumey she was asked to relay that all property issues and/or correspondence concerning Mr. Tumey's property should be addressed to him, not his ex-wife, per Mr. Tumey's request. Jim indicated that we were aware of this and briefly explained that a potential fill area may exist on his property. Jim indicated that geophysical work had been performed and that GM is planning test pits for these locations.
- Larry Smith stated that he thought the initial fear or concern from the project has subsided. Cheryl asked if he thought it was due to GM communicating effectively to the public. Larry indicated yes, that he thought GM had communicated effectively.
- Janie asked if affected property owners are required to disclose the testing information from their property if they want to sell in the future, even if their property is cleaned up by GM. Cheryl and Kathy Bommarito indicated that Mike Hilfinger was currently checking into the disclosure issue. Jim indicated that he believes if the property has been sampled, it would need to be disclosed. Bob Hamilton indicated that a seller disclosure is required. However, if the property is not contaminated or directly affected there would be nothing to disclose. Janie recommended that the public interested in property issues should contact Bob Hamilton and indicated that she would refer residents to him.
- Cheryl asked Bob about the potential of meeting with the Realtor's Association. Bob indicated that he is prepared to have the meeting and will arrange the meeting date and time.
- Cheryl indicated that GM would contact Janie concerning issues such as contractor interviews, road maintenance (i.e., preemptive repair and problem areas). Janie indicated that she would meet with the appropriate personnel concerning these issues for her area of the County.
- Janie asked when GM would be hiring a contractor. Cheryl indicated that a contractor would be hired in the next month or so, after the interviewing process.

12:00

- Jim McGuigan presented an overview of the status of the off-site and on-site investigation.
  - Discussed evaluation of sampling requests from off-site areas on a case-by-case basis. Jim indicated that, in general, GM is receiving fewer calls.
  - Jim discussed the status of the on-site investigation. GM will be finishing the monitoring well systems by the end of February.

- Jim explained the process of hiring a contractor. Jim indicated that this was not an open bid and that GM had selected by invitation only pre-qualified companies.
- Jim indicated that certain permits that would be obtained for the work in the stream required a notice of intent to proceed be published in the paper for the general public.

- 12:05** – Ed presented an overview of Interim Measures.
- Ed indicated that GM was making progress with regard to the permitting process. Ed indicated that one more permit is needed for the soil staging area. GM has all approvals for upstream parcels and the soil erosion permit.
  - Ed indicated for the midstream parcels that GM was currently working on the flow model and was working with the Army Corp of Engineers on necessary permits.
  - Ed further explained that three contractor companies were invited and have been notified of all sensitivity issues associated with private property on the streams. Ed indicated that GM should have the bid specifications and select a contractor by mid-February. Tree cutting will begin before the digging contractor commences work.
  - John Williams indicated that he has received notification from IDEM for the upstream water permit, however, John stated that the letter gave no indication what the permit actually is. Cheryl indicated that there would be a public notice and hearing period available with the Army Corp of Engineers for the midstream areas. Jim mentioned that the upstream parcels were exempt from the public notice process due to the limited size of the drainage area, however, the permit required for Parcel 22 will require a public notice period.
- 12:10** – Cheryl presented an overview of the proposed agenda for the next CLP meeting.
- Meeting minutes will be emailed to members and approved at the next meeting.
- 12:20** – Paul Ford and Kim Dobosenski gave a guided tour of the plant.
- 1:15** – Meeting ended.