

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES
MEETING NO. 1**

DATE: September 10, 2002
TIME: 6:00 P.M. EST
LOCATION: GM Powertrain Bedford Plant
RECORDED BY: Sara Varty

ATTENDEES: Kathy Bommarito - General Motors
Adele Bowman-Purlee - Bedford Chamber of Commerce
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
Rick Goss - DecisionQuest
John Gunter - Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Bob Hamilton - Hamilton Real Estate
Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors
Mike Hilfinger - General Motors
Stuart Hill - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
William McFarland - General Motors
Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Ed Peterson - General Motors
Peter Ramanauskas - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Sara Varty - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

ABSENT: *The following members were invited but could not attend:*
Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian
Reverend Rodney Reynolds - First Pentecostal Church of God
John Thomas - GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager
Mayor John Williams - City of Bedford
Bedford Regional Medical Center Representative

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- 6:10** - Meeting called to order by Rick Goss
- Rick provided an overview of the purpose and function of the CLP, community involvement, and the purpose and agenda for the meeting.
- Introductions
- Regulatory Agency Invitees
- Peter Ramanauskas, U.S. EPA participated as a guest of the CLP and was available to provide answers to regulatory questions.

- John Gunter introduced himself and indicated that IDEM is not a signatory to the Agreement but supports U.S. EPA throughout the Corrective Action process. IDEM is also participating in sampling/chemistry/geology activities.
- Stuart Hill was here as observer for U.S. EPA Public Affairs.

GM Team

- Kathy Bommarito, GM Communications. Interacts with community on a regular basis and participates in community involvement activities.
- Bill McFarland, director of GM Remediation and manages cleanups across the U.S.
- Ed Peterson, 13 years with GM and involved with technical aspects of investigation.
- Cheryl Hiatt, geologist/environmental engineer with GM and Project Manager for Bedford project.
- Kim Dobosenski, environmental engineer at Bedford Plant for 4.5 years. Responsible for waste disposal, wastewater treatment, and emission controls.
- Paul Ford, Production Manager at Bedford Plant.
- Mike Hilfinger, responsible for GM property value protection programs.
- Jim McGuigan, CRA Project Engineer, licensed engineer in the state of Indiana. Running sampling program.
- Sara Varty - CRA Project Coordinator.

Community Invitees

- Adele Bowman-Purlee - Bedford Chamber of Commerce
- Janie Craig Chenault - County Commissioner
- Stanley Glenn - City Council Member and affected owner
- Thomas Brent - Bedford Resident and Environmental Professional, including the project manager at the Crane Site.
- Bob Hamilton - Hamilton Real Estate

6:30 – Paul Ford presented overview of Bedford Plant:

- Overview
- Employment
- Facilities and manufacturing operations
- Plant layout
- Product lines
- Plant size
- Volumes

- Customers
 - Awards and recognition
- 6:35** – Bill McFarland presented overview of GM’s approach to cleaning up sites
- GM has a corporate remediation group with dedicated and experienced remediation project managers.
 - Approach is to not use plant environmental engineering for remediation so they are free to focus on pollution prevention and compliance.
 - Remediation project managers will address the cleanup issues while at the same time making great effort not to interfere with operating plant production.
 - GM uses consultants/experts to assist cleanups.
 - “What is Environmental Cleanup?” GM manages these sites for the long term.
- 6:43** – Ed Peterson presented overview of CLP guidelines
- Reviewed guidelines that CLP members received with meeting invitation.
 - Purpose of CLP is to enhance communications with the community, and help the community to understand how cleanups are performed.
 - GM encourages CLP members to interact with the community and bring issues and concerns back to the full Panel for review and consideration.
 - Membership should be a broad cross-section of leadership from the Bedford area and affected property owners. Additional members may be invited/nominated using nomination form in handout package.
 - Duration/frequency/locations/times/dates of the meetings may be evaluated by the Panel. GM is asking for one-year commitment to the Panel.
 - GM would like to limit attendance of the public and media at the CLP meetings to maintain open dialogue between Panel members. The media will be invited to attend other public forums planned as part of overall community involvement efforts.
- 6:48** – Rick Goss opened discussion regarding meeting days and times and additional members.
- General consensus of group was to move meetings to midday on a Friday - need to confirm with other Panel members.
 - Tom Brent has every other Friday off, City Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and midday was most convenient for all of the members present.
 - Other members suggested by Cheryl, but who could not attend, include a local nurse from Bedford Regional Medical Center, Rev. Rodney Reynolds, and Paul McBride, County Sanitarian. The CLP members suggested also inviting someone from Dunn Memorial Hospital as well.

- Janie suggested inviting a “regular” citizen to the Panel. Cheryl indicated that members should nominate individuals who they think are good candidates. Nominees will be called and asked if they would like to join. Litigants cannot be members of the CLP since GM cannot speak directly to them.
 - Adele suggested that the CLP should not be too large because it becomes difficult to communicate and make decisions.
 - Cheryl indicated that members are invited to share any information they learn in the community and pass on any questions/concerns.
 - The Panel agreed that the GM Plant was a convenient location to hold the meetings. The Panel also decided that meetings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. would be most convenient as most people take off one of those hours for lunch anyway. Rick indicated that meeting times and dates would be flexible. Ed indicated that times and dates would be confirmed with absent members of the Panel.
- 7:00 – Cheryl Hiatt presented overview of RCRA Corrective Action Process.
- RCRA Corrective Action is performed at operating facilities which have applied for a permit to manage RCRA hazardous waste for longer than 90 days, such as at the GM Powertrain facility. There are other cleanup programs such as Superfund or voluntary programs.
 - Major components of Corrective Action include researching historical information, investigating areas of interest, evaluating potential risks, coming up with alternatives to meet cleanup goals, implementing long-term cleanup, and implementing Interim Measures before final remedy where enough information is available.
 - GM signed an agreement with U.S. EPA to complete Corrective Action and many other agencies are involved in the process.
 - Project Team includes GM Remediation Team members, plant representatives, and various consultants.
- 7:10 – Jim McGuigan presented overview of the project background and the status of the investigation.
- Overview of Current Conditions Report and summary of Areas of Interest (AOIs) at the Plant. AOIs are investigated to determine if there are any areas of concern.
 - Overview of historical wastewater management and use of hydraulic fluid at the Plant. PCBs are no longer used at the plant and the current effluent is PCB free.
 - Geology of the bedrock affects how water flows. Bedford has fractured upper bedrock and lower more competent bedrock.
 - Testing for the Off-Site Stream Investigation began in October 2001. Additional sampling began in January 2002 and has included more than 3,000 soil and sediment samples, and hay, vegetable, cow, and spring samples. GM did purchase one herd of cattle that were in the floodplain.

- The screening level used for the samples is 2.2 ppm (or 2,200 ppb). This number is a screening level and not necessarily an action (cleanup) level. The cleanup criteria number is currently under review with the U.S. EPA.
 - Well Survey also conducted due to knowledge of local geology.
- 7:45 – Rick Goss opened the floor to questions.
- Janie: What are health effects of PCBs?
 - Ed indicated that Steve Song of Environ would review health effects at next meeting. Information is available in the ATSDR Fact Sheet, which was included in the handout package.
 - Janie: What happened with the herd that GM recently purchased?
 - Cows were tested and no PCBs were found in any of the samples. GM still has the herd.
 - Janie: Have contaminated soils/sand ever been moved off-Site?
 - GM has received anecdotal information from residents regarding one or two possible locations. Information from residents is taken very seriously. Locations are being investigated thoroughly.
- 7:50 – Ed presented an overview of Interim Measures.
- IMs are quicker than waiting for all investigations to be completed and an overall plan to be developed. The regular process can take years and GM will not be waiting until the end of the process (the Corrective Measures Study) to move forward with cleanups.
 - An IM Work Plan has already been submitted for one property to conduct cleanup work. This Work Plan will be a template for other IMs, which will include upstream and downstream locations.
 - Janie: Are agencies trying to expedite the process?
 - Yes they are.
- 7:55 – Jim provided an overview of upcoming activities.
- Sampling on- and off-Site is ongoing, more drilling, geophysics surveys, stormwater model of creek. Expects to be on-Site for another 3 months.
 - Cheryl indicated that sampling requests from residents are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Access agreements are obtained from each resident prior to sampling and data packages are delivered once results are received. Ed will bring an example of a data package to the next meeting.
 - Bob has seen a letter for a property on Jackson St. that said the property was clean. Bob is not sure the name of the owner or author of the letter but will check into it.
- 8:05 – Kathy presented an overview of the community relations programs.
- Community involvement is an important part of the project. Neighborhood meetings have been tailored to the audience to present information about the project.

- Neighborhood meetings and an availability session have been held. A full community meeting is planned for the November timeframe.
 - Other programs include the CLP, one-on-one discussions with neighbors, project Fact Sheets, contact phone numbers, public repositories, future web site, and Information Center booth.
- 8:10** – Janie: Are any picketers expected at the 60th anniversary?
- Kathy indicated that there is a chance of that with any public event. The GM Team will be available at the booth to answer questions.
- 8:15** – Rick presented an overview of the proposed agenda for the next CLP meeting.
- Steve Song will be present to discuss the risk assessment.
 - Meeting minutes will be emailed to members and approved at the next meeting.
 - The Panel agreed that there would not be a problem with having their names printed in a press release to make the community aware of the CLP. Any press release would be sent for approval prior to printing.
 - Bob asked about success of the neighborhood meetings.
 - There was good attendance at the previous meetings (approximately 200 people).
- 8:18** – Mike provided an overview of the Property Protection Plan.
- Mike outlined options that were offered to residents on properties with samples above the screening level and for contiguous properties. Fair market value is determined as if no PCBs are present on the property. The options are not offered as a replacement to cleanup.
 - Janie asked why contiguous properties were included.
 - Ed indicated that a buffer zone was chosen that included the contiguous properties to help keep local property values stable. They are not offered the same options.
 - Adele suggested talking to the Board of Realtors regarding the Property Protection Plan. Bob indicated that the Board of Realtors has quarterly meetings and one is coming up in the next month. Cheryl asked if a presentation at the meeting would be useful and how to get on the agenda.
 - Bob and Adele discussed property appraisers from Bloomington vs. Bedford. Bob was comfortable with the Bloomington appraisers who had experience in Bedford and Adele was concerned that they may tend to under-appraise the Bedford properties. Bob indicated that in his experience they tend to over-appraise as they are used to higher property values in Bloomington. Mike Hilfinger indicated that the Bedford appraisers had not expressed interest in the work, thereby requiring GM to turn to Bloomington appraisers.
- 8:35** – Rick started wrapping up the meeting and indicated that a draft agenda would be

distributed prior to the next meeting. Rick asked if there were any final issues to address.

- Cheryl indicated that they were interested in hearing about any issues that come up in the community.
- Ed asked if the Panel was interested in getting information about the blood testing program. The Panel indicated that they were interested.
- Bob asked if blood testing would occur after the 5 year Property Protection Plan. Ed indicated that the blood testing program and the Property Protection were completely separate and that frequent testing is not necessary.
- Steve Song will provide an interpretation of the blood testing results and talk about the fate of PCBs in the human body at the next meeting.
- Ed provided an overview of the handouts that were provided to the Panel members.

8:45 – Meeting ended.