

BRIEF NOTES
RAC Conference Call
May 11, 2004

MEMBERS: Ronnie Peters, Paul Rohaley, Charlie Perez, Ron Mazzey, Bob Delbuono, John Goodsell, Michelina Buchino

PROPERTY OWNERS: John Turberville, Dresser (250 East Main Street)

AGENCIES: Elaine O'Keefe, Ron Curran, Patrice Sulik and Andrea Boissevain, Health Risk Consultants, Inc.

FACILITATORS/TECHNICAL ADVISORS: David McLean, Pat Field

Meeting with OU6 Property Owners: Several property owners attended, a few along with their counsel/attorney. Ron Jennings gave overview of the site then details on OU6. EPA talked about: state and federal liability, being held responsible, passing property on to heirs. Because the property owners do not receive PRP letters, they are not officially PRPs. Property owners received data packets. Presence of RAC members very important. Owners were encouraged to participate in RAC efforts. Off-ramping was discussed. Timing was discussed, including completion of CFS in 12 to 18 months, then Proposed Plan, then Record of Decision. Funding issues and limited monies to undertake cleanup were noted. RAC made clear that it is in favor of cleanup, with a master strategy and minimizing or avoiding digging, hauling and "dumping" within Stratford. Idea in meeting was suggested to have "catch up" meeting with RAC and property owners. Would be good if owners met with RAC so that citizens one and one can discuss history, challenges, problems, and opportunities. Idea is to send letter to all invite to attend and request a RSVP. Concern would be "just another meeting" and need to offer concrete actions/directions – what is going to be done in next 30 to 60 days. Letter would come from CBI on behalf of RAC. There is still confusion potentially who is in and who is out. The flow chart is still somewhat confusing.

Action: Elaine provide list of owners and addresses to CBI.

Action: CBI to prepare draft letter for RAC review.

Action: Email to John T. the RAC Consensus Agreement and RAC notes from April.

OU6 and EPA Meeting on CFS: GeoInsight sent out via CBI all responses to comments from EPA on RAC, Town, and DEP comments on OU6. GeoInsight to meet with EPA before the next RAC meeting. Also, DEP and EPA meeting informally on RSRs and ARARs. By the end of the week, EPA intends to present concepts to State in this regard. State will evaluate, discuss with EPA, and then with the RAC. This topic will likely be ready for the June or July RAC meeting.

Action: GeoInsight and EPA to hold meeting before next RAC to discuss CFS approach.

Action: RAC agenda item on state and federal discussions on ARARS.

OU2 Remedial Investigation: GeoInsight received end of April. Still under review. Much of it is older information that has already been reviewed, but new information on soil gas and synoptic water sampling. Issues that looking at include: mention that Raymark waste on its own has capacity to leach on its own outside of OU1 sources— primary and only area that shows evidence is Morgan Francis property. Some of the plume maps appear to show larger plume areas than areas that were offered soil gas systems, but that information was confidential. Point is to be consistent and clear in how standards were applied and GeoInsight is seeking more information. There is a thought that solvent contamination has migrated deep, but report tends to discount discharges into Ferry Creek. EPA has said to RAC member that groundwater is GB (not potable). Remedial action needs to reflect this fact. Some residents continue to express concern on property valuation if and when homes are affected by soil gas or other contamination. Source of chlorinated sources continue to be primarily from OU1/Raymark.

Action: CBI to email Dock to ask if OU2 copy can be available to RAC at their offices. Health Department also has it.

Other: Other comments and issues include the below.

- Is Army Engine Plant closing and will this affect RAC meeting space?
- DEP reported that financial contracts finalized and soil gas work contractor is being paid. DEP is waiting for final costs. All systems but three are in place and bills are received and being paid. Maintenance agreements are being finalized and sent to owners. The review is done on the closeout report and to be distributed to each property owner, to Health Department, and to EPA. Monies set aside for O&M at DEP and spare blowers are already in stock for quick repairs. Ron has notified management of increasing costs over time.
- Pat mentioned NY group who may be of help on Brownfields named Preston Gilbert, SUNY, at 215-470-4722.
- DEP noted that a new bank would go within footprint of OU1. DEP is reviewing the plans.
- What is the O&M cost for Mat Con and has it been approved at another CT site? DEP reported that no formal approval process, but would meet criteria for technical solution and was or maybe used by UConn. May have been used in MA as well as in WA. Has office in New Haven now.
- Abutters letter went out. It reads: “Please be aware that adjacent property does have waste. Please be aware and refer to fact sheet.”
- Next RAC meeting June 8, 2004, 6:30 PM.

Action: Elaine to check on Army Engine Plant.

Action: Pat call Preston Gilbert, SUNY.

Action: Jim Murphy to report on if Mat Con used at Ft. Devens, MA and results, if so.

Action: David McLean to follow-up on Mat Con questions with Wilder Construction.

Action: Ronnie will fax abutter’s letter to CBI. CBI will put in PDF and send out to RAC.

