

Raymark Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Summary
November 9, 2004
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Army Engine Plant

Members Attending: Michelina Buchino, Barbara Clancy-Draglin, Robert DelBuono, Edwin Fordham, John Goodsell, Ron Mazzey, Charles Perez, Veronica Peters, Paul Rohaly, Ron Smith, Ed Ward

Government/Agencies Attending: Elaine OKeefe, Town of Stratford Health Department, Andrea Boissevain, Health Risk Consultants, Ron Jennings, EPA, Mike Jaskinski, EPA, Jim Murphy, EPA, Ron Curran, DEP

Others Attending: John Turberville, Haliburton-Dresser, Joe Crudo, Town Council, Gavin Sullivan, Town Council

Facilitators and Technical Assistance: Patrick Field, CBI, David MacLean and John Gilbert, GeoInsight

Convening of Meeting, Groundrules, and Summary Review

The Raymark Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was convened at 6:30 pm. The facilitator reviewed the agenda. The RAC reviewed the Sept. and October meeting summaries, made corrections on attendance, and noted that they would be considered finalized if no more comments were received by CBI within one week.

Agreements Reached

- Charles Perez, Ron Mazzey, Veronica Peters, Bob Delbuono and Ed Ward will attend the Council Briefing on Monday, November 22.
- The RAC requested that GeoInsight attend the briefing and present a summary of the site status and issues currently under consideration.

Action Items from Meeting

GeoInsight provided responses to some action items from last meeting.

1. *Geo will confer with airport on height limits for OU9.* The airport noted that the front part of the landfill may not currently meet flight path height restrictions, but the back part probably is well within limits. This would require further research by the airport.

2. *Geo to check on sewage treatment project near the Beacon Point Area.* There is a grant application in development that would affect the outflow pipe that goes through/under the Beacon Point area. This could potentially affect any remediation at this site in terms of excavation for the water treatment work or if a cap were installed there prior to work on the outfall.

The RAC and agencies identified the following action items in the meeting.

1. GeoInsight to review draft OU9 RI (to be delivered by the agencies in December) and share comments with the RAC.
2. CBI and GeoInsight to continue to talk with property owners and agencies regarding possible off-ramping scenarios.
3. DEP will look into home teardowns and implications for subslab systems responsibilities (from July)
4. RAC will reach out to constituencies to keep them informed of RAC activities
5. Geo to seek volume estimates of waste that may be removed from OUs 3, 7, 8 and 9.
6. Geo will check into off-site disposal costs and what sites might take the waste.

Town Council Briefing

Town Council members attending requested that the RAC prepare a briefing for Monday, November 22 regarding work to date. The following points were made:

- Need to emphasize the overall goal: cleanup as many properties as possible within the existing budget with minimal impacts to the Town and neighborhoods.
- Review data/findings to date: number of affected properties, waste amount, remedial choices, and risks.
- Need to summarize the existing RAC annual reports.
- Need to report on: what has been accomplished to date; how much money is left to take action; what can be accomplished given this budget; and, what are the chief issues surrounding off-ramping.
- Emphasize the RAC Consensus Document points.
- Discuss time frame for final decision on off-ramping.
- Prepare frequently asked questions.

The RAC asked GeoInsight to prepare a briefing for the Town Council meeting that the RAC could review before the presentation. The Council members asked CBI to prepare a draft agenda for the meeting. Charles Perez, Ron Mazzey, Veronica Peters, Bob Delbuono and Ed Ward agreed to attend the Council Briefing on Monday, November 22.

Review of New Alternatives

GeoInsight provide an update on additional alternatives that have been developed. These include 4C and 4D. Both these alternatives assume the Lockwood Avenue Property can have waste remaining in place and serve as a consolidation site for approximately 4,500 to 10,500 cubic yards of waste. 4C assumes a minimum amount of waste removal while 4D assumes more waste removed, fewer caps to maintain, and more conservative estimates of feasible waste volumes at consolidation sites.

It was noted that Lockwood Avenue is not solely a wetland and thus should not be referred to as a wetland. It does have wetlands on it. EPA asked if the proposed consolidation took in account wetlands mitigation/restoration ideas that have been discussed earlier. Geo noted that the estimates are preliminary only, but their engineer did try to take this into account.

Issues to Be Addressed Before An Off-Ramping Solution is Reached

The RAC and agencies identified a host of issues that need to be resolved, at least to some degree, to move to an off-ramping approach. They are listed below.

- Regulatory feedback on the alternatives developed to-date.
- What regulatory process will be used to undertake remediation for off ramping?
- What are the clear federal, state, and local liability implications for remedial choices/alternatives?
- What are the volumes for 3, 7, 8, and 9 that might affect choices?
- How do we engage other stakeholders such as the other property owners and neighborhoods that abut potential capping/consolidation sites?
- What is the process for larger public involvement?
- What are the cost implications for each choice?
- What are the O&M cost implications and responsibilities for each choice and who will these fall upon?
- Back taxes.
- Construction/implementation schedule.

Public Involvement

The RAC discussed public involvement, especially of potentially abutting neighborhoods to consolidation/capping sites. The RAC noted it might involve workshops, meeting with neighborhoods, poster boards, or other activities. The RAC discussed whether the RAC, Town, and agencies should have a single approach before approaching the public for

comment, or rather, to approach the public with a narrowed set of choices. The RAC noted that a Town map would be helpful with sites, neighbors, abutters; a decision tree to highlight the key choices/tradeoffs; and as many charts, graphs, and maps as possible to help clarify issues. The RAC noted that they are not yet in a place to be ready for such intensive public involvement given the outstanding issues noted above.

Other Updates

A few other updates were mentioned.

- CBI and Geo noted that their budget is almost expended as of this RAC meeting. EPA stated that they would need a proposal for 2005 and would do everything possible to expedite getting new monies in place. The RAC noted that given the budget situation, they probably would not hold a meeting in December.
- CBI noted that the RAC library has been cleaned out and the RAC agreed that copies of final documents should be kept at the Department of Health.
- CBI noted future RAC meetings would be held, when possible, in the Birdseye Complex first floor conference room.

Adjournment

The RAC adjourned its meeting at 9:00 PM.