

Raymark Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Summary

13 October 2004

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Army Engine Plant

Members Attending: Robert DelBuono, Tom Fahey, Edwin Fordham, John Goodsell, Robert Osborne, 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

Others Attending: John Turberville, Haliburton-Dresser, Bob Feurey, Airport, Kevin Ryan, Rich Weizel

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 postponed finalizing the summary from September.

Agreements Reached

- None at this meeting.

Action Items from Meeting

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

1. GeoInsight to review EPA responses to comments on OU2 RI and share 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 slab systems responsibilities (from July)
4. Consider adding RAC member from other potentially affected neighborhoods (i.e. Morgan Francis area) (as suggested during RAC August recess)
5. Geo to seek volume estimates of waste that may be removed from OUs 3, 7, 8 and 9.

6. Geo will confer with airport on height limits for OU9.
7. Geo to organize charts by owner.
8. RAC will review alternatives developed to date and send other ideas to Geo.
9. Geo to check on sewage treatment project near the Beacon Point Area.
10. Geo will check into off-site disposal costs and what sites might take the waste.
11. Geo to meet with EPA/DEP to share these new alternatives.

Additional Alternatives for Off-Ramping

GeoInsight presented on two additional alternatives they developed given the last RAC meeting. The key points noted include the following.

- Alt. 4A caps most waste in place. Some 9 properties would have waste removed and consolidated elsewhere.
- Alt. 4B caps some sites in place with either a RCRA cap or low-permeability asphalt (LPA) and uses these sites for consolidation. Some 16 properties would have waste removed
- Both these alternatives costs are in the range of previous alternatives.

GeoInsight noted the following caveats to these alternatives.

- Volume estimates for OUs 3, 7, 8 and 9 are still needed to determine how much more capacity for consolidation might be needed.
- What are the # sites for monitoring acceptable to DEP?
- The cost of an OU4 cap is not figured into these costs.
- Costs that need further review or inclusion are O&M, off-site disposal, work control and air monitoring during construction. Geo noted that the costs are more useful for comparing alternatives to each other, but not likely that accurate at this time in terms of actual, final costs.

RAC Comments on Additional Alternatives for Off-Ramping

RAC members made the following comments and points.

- These alternatives look more in keeping with what we all might be able to live with.
- It would be helpful to show caps that are contiguous across many parcels as one cap, not many. Geo did note that DEP's concern would be in having to deal with multiple property owners even if the cap cuts across properties.
- If you could reduce the waste remaining to be consolidated below the 4A alternative of 19,000 cubic yards (cy), you might be able to afford off-site

disposal. Geo noted outstanding questions on off-site disposal that need to be answered: who would take it and how much would it cost? Geo noted it appears some of the waste may be non-hazardous according to RCRA and thus disposal in a regular landfill.

- Why isn't there a waste estimate for the landfill? Geo noted, that for the landfill, the amount of Raymark waste in it is not important since it's already there and staying there. What is important is the amount of waste it can hold by contouring and closing the site while also meeting the requirements of the airport height limits.
- These alternatives still affect neighborhoods. What about my neighborhood versus yours, a member asked? If you don't want it in yours, why would someone else want it in his or hers. All options but capping in place potentially adversely affect a neighborhood. It feels like we're back in the same place.
- Property owners need certainty. An open-ended checkbook for more expensive government contractors into the indefinite future to do maintenance is unacceptable.
- Operations and maintenance costs (O&M) are a real issue. What are the O&M costs over 20 or more years? What are the different costs for a RCRA cap versus a LPA cap? And, what land use restrictions (LURs) would be required for each property?
- Could you exchange freedom from O&M costs in exchange for a property owner taking on waste for consolidation?
- What happens to properties if we don't get them cleaned up in the off-ramping?
- Can the landfill be increased in footprint across what is called Beach Drive to provide more volume capacity for consolidation at OU9?
- What about getting releases from O&M costs in turn for allowing extra consolidation on your property?
- Back taxes remain an issue.

The RAC agreed to mull over these alternatives and to share any additional ideas with GeoInsight. GeoInsight identified several action items to complete. The RAC may want to have one more meeting without the agencies for further conversation.

Other Updates

A few other updates were mentioned.

- CBI owes the RAC an updated budget for Geo and CBI expenditures.
- The final "handbooks" for the subslab systems were provided to homeowners today. These include a maintenance agreement form for DEP taking responsibility for O&M costs, manufacturer's information, site plans, and a CT DEP completion letter.
- The Town Council will likely request an update in the near future.

Adjournment

The RAC adjourned its meeting at 8:30 PM. The next RAC meeting will be Tuesday, November 9.