

**Raymark Advisory Committee**  
**DRAFT Meeting Summary**  
June 14, 2005  
6:30 PM to 8:45 PM  
Birdseye Complex Conference Room

**Members Attending:** Michelina Buchino, Robert Connolly, Bob DelBuono, Ron Mazzeo, Charles Perez, Veronica Peters, Paul Rohaly, Ed Ward, Bob Osbourne

**Government/Agencies Attending:** Elaine O'Keefe, Town of Stratford Health Department, Andrea Boissevain, Health Risk Consultants,

**Others Attending:** Kurt Sendlein, Sikorsky Airport, Allison Dodge, Congresswoman Delauro's Office, Paul Pimentel, Congressman Shay's Office, Ryan Drajewicz, Senator Dodd's Office, Laura Cahill, Senator Lieberman's Office, John Turbeville, Dresser, Mike Gross, Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, Deb Noack, Stratford Star, William Lahey, guest of CBI (for facilitation observation), Gavin Forrester, Town Council,

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

**Convening of Meeting, Groundrules, and Summary Review**

The RAC convened at 6:40 PM. The February May summary was approved.

**Agreements Reached**

The RAC agree to forward three alternatives to the agencies for detailed analysis in the FS process. The RAC agreed that liability questions must be answered in this detailed analysis to be able to recommend, ultimately, a preferred remedy. The RAC also agreed that forwarding these three alternatives was not an endorsement of any or all at this time since further evaluation/analysis is needed.

The RAC also agreed to forward a letter to the Town Council regarding the Town's need for an environmental specialist and environmental attorney to assist the current Town Counsel.

**Outstanding Action Items**

Outstanding action items from this or previous meetings are listed below.

- Geo to forward three alternatives to agencies for detailed analysis after final RAC review.
- CBI to provide update on Geo/CBI budget status.
- R. Peters to deliver RAC letter to Town Council clerk and to make copies of signature page.
- EPA and state will determine who currently has control of the RCRA program in CT.

- Geo and EPA to provide more information on active treatment technologies.
- State to consider what share of cost it might bear due to ownership of Ferry Creek, in part.

### **Town Hiring of Environmental Specialist and Environmental Attorney**

The RAC discussed their request for the Town to hire an environmental specialist and attorney. A Council attendee noted that given severe budget cuts this year and likely next, that hiring new positions would be extremely unlikely. The Councilman offered to arrange a meeting with the Town Attorney and a subcommittee of RAC members. The RAC agreed that forwarding the letter to Town Council with the request was important even if funding was not available. The RAC agreed to:

- Sign the letter and forward it to the Town Council via Ronnie Peters
- Hold a meeting with the Town Attorney with the following RAC members: Charles Perez, Michelina Buchino, Ronnie Peters, Bob Delbuono, Ed Ward, and Bob Osbourne.
- To invite Gina McCarthy, new DEP Commissioner, to future RAC meeting.

### **Attendance of Congressional Staff**

The RAC thanked Allison Dodge for arranging for staff members from Congressman Shay's office as well as Senator Dodd's and Lieberman's Office to attend. The RAC held a discussion with the staff members and noted the following points.

- The RAC needs the Congressional delegation's support in moving clean up forward.
- The cleanup process has been extremely frustrating for RAC members and the Town of Stratford.
- The lingering uncertainty as to the fate of Superfund waste and the use of Town and private properties has been costly and wearing on the Town and its residents.
- The RAC would appreciate any help the delegation can give in obtaining sufficient monies needed, on top of existing Raymark account monies, to complete the cleanup and help the Town move beyond Superfund.

The delegated noted that they would strongly support and seek additional funding, but would only be able to do so when a specific proposal for action was on the table. In their view, this is when a Record of Decision (ROD) is signed and thus they encouraged the RAC to work with and push the agency to get to that stage. The staff mentioned they support the RAC efforts to reach a Record of Decision as soon as possible.

## **GeoInsight Update on RAC Questions on Screening of Alternatives**

GeoInsight noted the following points on the questions raised by the RAC on the Screening of Alternatives presented in the May RAC meeting.

- EPA is assuming at this point that the caps cover the entire area of the properties, although Raymark waste may be scattered about the property.
- Low Permeability Asphalt caps are still under consideration by the regulatory agencies for inclusion in remedial alternatives.
- GeoInsight is still not in agreement with the agency that the cost of removal out of town is only for RCRA hazardous waste. The agencies acknowledged that the waste might not be exclusively hazardous waste with PCBs above 50 ppm. The EPA recognizes that this may be conservative, but needs to assume this across alternatives for screening purposes at this time. Geo noted they would continue to push EPA to segregate transport and disposal costs according to the nature and concentration of impacts when alternatives reach the detailed evaluation stage.
- Stratford landfill (OU9) is removed from all the alternatives except where a portion of OU9 serves as a consolidation site.
- GeoInsight asked EPA to detail the cost difference between a RCRA C and D cap since the only cost responsibility for Superfund is the marginal difference of the more expensive and protective cap due to Superfund waste. The Town is already under order per RCRA to close the landfill, regardless of the Raymark waste present.
- The DPW lot is not appropriate for consolidation.
- The EPA noted that the ability to treat the multiple Raymark constituents as described in Alternative 6 should be considered questionable.
- The costs of the various alternatives are in rough form only and GeoInsight will review them further during detailed analysis. Geo noted that the “high, medium, low” classifications are relative only to one another within the screening and do not indicate high or low costs in comparison to other sites or technologies.

## **Proposed Three Alternatives for Detailed Analysis**

For RAC consideration, GeoInsight put forward three alternatives for detailed analysis. They are: 1) cap all in place; 2) excavate all except for OU4 which would be capped, and remove waste out of town; 3) cap waste in place, consolidate waste on no less than 3 sites/properties, and ship waste out of town where possible. The RAC discussed these three alternatives and note the following.

- The filling and culverting of Ferry Creek (OU3) as previously described by the EPA should be added to Alternative 4 as a possible consolidation site.
- Forwarding these alternatives would not be an endorsement of any of them, but rather, recognition that these three should allow various issues to be addressed in the detailed analysis.

- Liability and other issues are still unaddressed and must be addressed before the RAC can weigh in on any preference for one or another alternative.
- The Town Council does not need to be briefed again until the 4 to 6 alternatives for the FS have been identified and detailed screening has taken place.
- The already completed cross cutting criteria and additional criteria ought to be submitted along with these three alternatives.
- The agencies may add additional alternatives for detailed screening, but should not screen out these three alternatives.
- GeoInsight should incorporate RAC comments, forward via email for a final review, especially for Barbara and Edwin who could attend tonight, then forward the final descriptions of the three to the EPA.
- GeoInsight should forward a draft schedule up to the ROD as developed below for the agency to accept or revise and a request to state the cost of the process from now through the ROD.

With the above caveats, the RAC consented to forward these alternatives to the EPA for detailed analysis.

### **Draft FS to ROD Schedule**

The RAC developed the following draft schedule for EPA to accept or revise regarding moving from the FS to the ROD. The RAC also requested that the EPA cost out this process.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
June 05	RAC forward alternatives for detailed FS analysis.
July/August 05	EPA develops any additional alternatives for detailed analysis and let RAC know if any concern about RAC's alternatives.
	CBI forward to RAC and agencies status of CBI/Geo budget
Fall 05	EPA/DEP do detailed alternatives analysis. Geo and CBI keep RAC informed of progress. Meet only as necessary
November 05	Draft FS issued for RAC review.
Winter 06	Agencies work with RAC to finalize and issue final FS. May seek additional public involvement at this stage to inform general public of alternatives.
Spring 06	Agencies develop, RAC review, and agencies publicly issue Proposed Plan.
Late Spring 06	Public comment period held on Proposed Plan.
Summer 06	EPA develops ROD, prepare response to comment, keep the RAC, the new mayor and Town Council informed.
September 30, 06	ROD issued by EPA.

### **Final Items, Next Steps and Adjourn**

The RAC adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM after thanking again the Congressional staff for attending the RAC meeting.