

Minutes
February 11, 2008
South Charleston Plant

Members: Bob Anderson, Cheryl Arace, Henry Graves, Dr. Bill Kroesser, Bob Moore, Pam Nixon, Ken Poling, Terry Sauvageot, Jennifer Soule, Sharen Sumpter-Deitz, Teresa Whitt, Chief Jim Wood, Larry Zuspan.

Company Representatives: Glenn Kraynie, Gary Trent, Jim White, Bayer; Scott Johnson, J.B. Turley, Clearon; Jennifer Bowman, Dow Chemical Company; Paul DiNicola, Elementis.

Facilitator: Mary A. Green, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

Minutes: Mary A. Green

The regular meeting of the South Charleston Area Community Advisory Panel was called to order Monday, February 11, 2008, 5:35 p.m., by facilitator Mary A. Green. Mary welcomed J.B. Turley with Supresta, a company recently purchased by Clearon in Gallipolis Ferry. J.B. also is a resident of South Charleston.

The January minutes were approved as distributed. Handouts were reviewed. Mary noted a change in the agenda from previous years. Plant reports now will be the first item of business.

Plant Reports, Year-End Review and Goals

Managers presented their reports for each facility. **[A copy of the monthly reports is attached to these minutes for those not present.]**

Bayer – Glenn Kraynie reviewed the monthly report and gave an overview of the company's 2007 performance and 2008 goals. A handout with details was distributed during the meeting.

Clearon – Scott Johnson reviewed the company's monthly report, which was distributed during the meeting.

As for the company's 2007 performance and goals for 2008, he said production at the site has fluctuated since 2002. He covered the company's performance in employment history, environmental performance and safety history. He said the site had only one reportable release in 2006. As for safety, recordable injuries dropped in 2007; however, there have been three to date in 2008. The company is working to develop a safety awareness program in 2008.

Goals for 2008 include continued work on safety, no environmental issues, resolving the waste permit discharge issues, completing its capital project, going through contract negotiations, adding four employees and meeting production targets.

Dow – Jennifer Bowman reviewed the monthly report and gave an overview of the company's 2007 performance and 2008 goals. A handout with details was distributed during the meeting.

Jennifer noted that Building 701, the original building at the Technology Park, is being demolished.

Elementis – Paul DiNicola reviewed the company's monthly performance, which was distributed during the meeting. He then presented an overview of 2007. He said the year was very successful for injury trends. He attributed this to a plant-based behavior program. The last lost-time and recordable injuries were in 2006.

Paul reviewed the company's production performance in 2007 and goals for 2008. Both were 12,000-13,000 metric tons. The company also hopes to qualify two additional products for the site. As for health and safety, he said the site's continued commitment to attaining Responsible Care 14000 accreditation, renewing its permit with the Charleston Sanitary Board, and upgrading its wastewater treatment capabilities are top priorities. Paul noted the site's struggle with its wastewater treatment plant in the first quarter of 2008.

Speakers' Bureau

Unity Apartment Training – Larry Zuspan and Chief Jim Wood presented information to a group of about 25 residents at the facility since the last panel meeting. The group was very receptive to the panel concept and its purpose. The focus of the presentation was about sheltering in place.

Groundhog Day – Jennifer Soule distributed metro government brochures during the recent breakfast. The brochure also carries information about the panel.

Brochure about Sponsoring Companies

Bob Anderson offered to look into developing and printing a brochure about the products produced by the local sites if the companies would support the idea. Each

manager is to look into the possibility of collecting information for the piece. Each company was asked to consider supplying enough data for about four pages. A report is needed during the March meeting. Mary noted this was highlighted as one of the group's goals for 2008.

South Charleston Middle School

Henry Graves noted that the school needs about four AM/FM radios, batteries, a set of walkie/talkies and materials for sheltering kits. Mary will work with Henry to confirm the needs. Earlier in the discussions, the panel offered to supply the kits.

Metro Government

Mary noted the committee will begin work with WOWK to produce a DVD. Mel and Jeff will meet with a representative of the TV station to talk about goals for the project as defined by the committee in an earlier meeting.

The committee will meet at 4 p.m. before the March panel meeting.

Habitat Project

Committee members said there will be a project team meeting in the coming days.

Next Meeting Date and Agenda

Mary reminded the panel that the group will tour the Clearon facility. *Since the meeting, however, plans have changed. The panel will meet at the library. Visitors from the county's response organizations will present lessons learned during the blue haze incident.*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 10, 2008
South Charleston Public Library