

**South Charleston Community Advisory Panel  
South Charleston Plant  
October 13, 2008**

**Attendees:** Bob Anderson, Cheryl Arace, Dave Brown, Joyce Dabiri, Fred Clark, Ruth Edwards, Clark Haynes, Dr. Bill Kroesser, Dr. Calvin Meyer, Bob Moore, Pam Nixon, Chief Jim Wood

**Industry Representatives:** Jim White, Bayer Corporation; Glenn Kraynie, Bayer MaterialScience; Jim Guidarini, Jeff Blatt, Dow Chemical; Paul DiNicola, Elementis; J.B. Turley, Supresta

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

**Minutes:** Mary A. Green

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The regular meeting of the South Charleston Area Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was called to order by facilitator Mary Green, beginning at 5:35 p.m. Mary thanked Jeff Blatt and The Dow Chemical Company for hosting the panel meeting at the South Charleston Plant. Mary reviewed the agenda and handouts. She noted the tour of the emergency operations center (EOC) would follow the business portion of the meeting. Mary welcomed new members Dave Brown and Joyce Dabiri, who attended their first meeting in September.

**Plant Reports**

The plant reports were given in order as printed in the handout. **[A copy of the handout is attached to these minutes for those not present.]**

Bayer

Glenn Kraynie noted two events he classified as significant at the Bayer site. Both are outlined in the handout. He said the incidents are disappointing, and a root-cause analysis will be conducted, and corrective actions will be put into place. Glenn also noted company employees are participating in their sixth year of building a house for Habitat for Humanity. The house will be completed within six days.

Bayer is appealing a tax payment, which is before the West Virginia State Supreme Court. Glenn spoke about this, which he reviewed with the panel several years ago when the issue was first being introduced into the appeal process.

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There were no additions made to the written report.

Dow

Jeff said the company did not have a great September because of safety and environmental issues, which are outlined in the report.

Elementis

Paul DiNicola noted the community might see a permit application notice in the local paper. The 30-day notice will appear regarding the company's wastewater treatment process. This, too, has been discussed during previous panel meetings. Once the permit is granted the company will cease sending water to the Charleston Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Metro Government**

The committee has been working with WOWK to produce the DVD. Mary said the goal is to have the DVD at the November meeting to review.

**Speakers Bureau**

Dave Brown noted that Kenna Homes is interested in learning more about emergency preparedness and the panel. Glenn said he, Larry Zuspan and Chief Jim Wood could make the presentation. Mary agreed to contact the site manager, Drema Allen, to coordinate.

**County Emergency Preparedness**

Chief Wood noted changes to the county's emergency preparedness plans, which were made following the recent incident at the Institute Plant. He said if there is no update following future incidents; the county will call a precautionary shelter in place. Following discussion about the siren system and how folks would be notified of sheltering instructions, Mary suggested the group consider talking about this at future meetings. The panel agreed.

**Holiday Dinner**

The panel said it would like to have a holiday dinner in December. Mary agreed to contact the Tea Room in South Charleston to see if it is available. Details will be confirmed at the November panel meeting.

### **Tour of Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

The panel toured the plant's center, including response vehicles. During the discussion, it was noted that the site has direct access to the local fire department and the county response center. These links are used in the event of an emergency for direct and immediate communication.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, November 10, 2008  
South Charleston Public Library  
5 p.m. – Dinner  
5:30 p.m. - Meeting