

Toxics Steering Group (TSG) Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present

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| Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christine Flaga</li><li>• Kay Fritz, 2012 Chairperson</li><li>• Doreen Lehner</li></ul> |
| Department of Community Health (DCH)                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deb MacKenzie-Taylor</li><li>• Divinia Ries</li><li>• Robert Sills</li></ul>            |
| Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eric Wildfang</li></ul>   |
- John Buchweitz
  - Jennifer Gray
  - Lisa Quiggle
  - Mike Depa

Others Present

- Jim Sygo, DEQ
- Joy Taylor Morgan, DEQ

Children's Environmental Health Subcommittee (CEHS) – Deb

- a. The Collaborative Stakeholder Initiative – Cleanup Criteria workgroup needs the finalized CEHS Age-Dependent Adjustment Factors (ADAF) Application report. Please send Deb any remaining comments today so it may be finalized.
- b. After the ADAF report is complete the CEHS will work on a request from Bob for an assessment of a publication by Trasande that utilizes estimates of environmentally attributable fractions of diseases, including Attention Deficit Disorder – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Perfluorinated Compounds Workgroup (PFCW) – Joy

- a. The PFCW report has been sent to Jim and the workgroup is waiting to hear back from him.
- b. Low levels of PFCs have been found in the Kalamazoo River and elevated levels have been found at Wurtsmith Air Force Base. The workgroup is currently waiting on fish tissue analysis.

- c. Water Resources Division has published a Rule 57 value for PFOA (perfluorooctanesulfonic acid) and is working on the same for PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonate).

#### Remediation Division Collaborative Stakeholder Initiative – Chris F.

- a. Four TSG members are involved with this – Chris F., Deb, and Eric are representing DEQ on the Cleanup Criteria workgroup, while Linda Dykema is representing DCH on the same workgroup. There are a total of seven workgroups discussing various aspects of the cleanup program: Cleanup Criteria; Groundwater Surface Water Interface; Vapor Intrusion; Free Product/Source Removal/Csat; Brownfield Redevelopment; Part 201 Rules; and Due Care Obligations. The goals of the CSI are to (1) develop recommendations relevant to key issues facing the cleanup program (both Part 201, Part 213 and the Brownfield redevelopment) and (2) to improve trust, cultural understanding, and cooperation among stakeholders.
- b. The first meeting was held last Friday at the Kellogg Center. Subsequent meetings will occur on three days mid-February and presentation of the results is scheduled for March 15.
- c. The task of the Cleanup Criteria workgroup is to present and get input on the department's proposal for updated and revised exposure pathways and cleanup criteria.

#### Earth Day – Eric

- a. Date is Thursday April 19, 2012.
- b. Displays scheduled thus far include the "Fishing Hole" plus an additional one (DCH), at least one from fisheries (DNR), and a coloring table and/or other from DEQ.

#### DEQ Intranet TSG Team Room – Doreen

- a. The Intranet is being moved to ESE (enterprise sharepoint environment) in April.
- b. New content must be added by March 1 for inclusion in the move.
- c. After the move, space for our team room will be 1 megabyte (MB) for website design and 10 MB for data storage, additional space may be purchased in 10 MB increments.
- d. If you want to load a large file it is recommended any bmp files be converted to jpg ones, since this decreases the volume to 10% of the original. Also converting any Word documents to pdf ones will help save space.

#### TSG Policy and Procedures Document – Kay

- a. The most recent signed version of this document is dated January 24, 2007. Attempts were made to finalize a 2009 revised version but they were unsuccessful.
- b. The current DEQ policy and procedures document regarding policy guidance documents applies to a document that is “A written statement that describes how the DEQ interprets or applies a statute or rule it administers.” After inspecting several former TSG members’ archives Kay did not find any statutes or rules governing the TSG.
- c. Since the title of our document includes the word “policy,” and its format is very similar to a “policy guidance” document, we may want to consider changing the title to “Standard Operating Procedures” or other to avoid confusion with other “policy guidance” documents.
- d. Kay will post her suggestions for a 2012 version on the Intranet for all TSG members to comment on and this discussion will continue during the next TSG meeting.

#### EPBCCD (Environmental Protection Bureau Chemical Criteria Database) – Doreen

- a. This database has been moved to the SQL server.
- b. Doreen has found problems with a query due to a field size change. Also only one person can use it at one time, others will be locked out for changes and have read-only access.
- c. If you are adding a new chemical entry, make sure that you place it at the end of the database (use button ►\*).
- d. Please do not change field sizes and close the database as soon as possible.
- e. Contact Doreen regarding any problems.

#### MSU-SRP (Michigan State University Superfund Research Program) – Deb

- a. This program is focused on toxicity, bioavailability, and biodegradation for dioxin-like chemicals. It is currently applying for a 5-year grant renewal. One of the requirements for the research translation core is to connect with state/federal/university entities. The DEQ has been selected for the state connection.
- b. The MSU-SRP may schedule a presentation on their proposed research areas for the DEQ in the near future. The TSG will be invited to that presentation. The researchers want input on their areas of research that may assist the DEQ.