

Toxics Steering Group (TSG) Meeting Summary November 15, 2011

Members in attendance:

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD)

- John Buchweitz

Department of Community Health (DCH)

- Christina Rose Bush
- Jennifer Gray

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

- Amy Babcock
- Dennis Bush
- Mike Depa
- Christine Flaga
- Kay Fritz
- Doreen Lehner
- Deb MacKenzie-Taylor
- Divinia Ries
- Bob Sills
- Eric Wildfang

General Announcements

- Christine Flaga provided an update on the Remediation Division's (RD) Part 201 Administrative Rules update process. RD has scheduled staff training for December 8, 2011 during which the proposed Part 7 cleanup criteria rules will be presented. An external stakeholder presentation is anticipated for January 2012. Kay Fritz requested that phenytoin be included in the proposed cleanup criteria tables. Chris Flaga will follow up with RD management regarding inclusion of new hazardous substances in the proposed Part 201 cleanup criteria tables that will be presented to RD staff and stakeholder groups.
- John Buchweitz informed the TSG that his time is now shared 50/50 between his responsibilities for DARD and a new position at MSU.

TSG Policy and Procedures Document

- There was intent to follow up on the status of the proposed 2009 revisions of this document with Jim Sygo. In Jim's absence, discussion of the need for any new updates to this document occurred. It was determined that definitions of the terms "sub-committee" and "workgroup" should be included in the document. Hard copies of earlier versions of the TSG Policy document and other significant historical TSG documents are available from the AQD Toxics Unit.

TSG Intranet Team Room and DEQ U: Shared Folder Access

- As follow up from the May and August TSG meetings and subsequent discussion, access to a shared location for document exchange and applications (e.g., EPB-CCD and DEQ library databases) was again discussed. Doreen volunteered to take over TSG administrative responsibilities of the Team Room on the DEQ Intranet site. Prior to M1 migration, Christina reported that she was able to access the Team Room, suggesting that other interested non-DEQ staff should as well. Access to shared U: drive folders by both DEQ and non-DEQ staff requires DTMB permissions which need to be established for all interested users currently unable to access these folders.

Children's Health Subcommittee Update

- The ADAF recommendation document remains to be finalized.
- Bob reiterated his request for CEHS review of the article "Reducing The Staggering Costs Of Environmental Disease In Children, Estimated At \$76.6 Billion In 2008" by Leonardo Trasande and Yinghua Liu.
- Eric inquired whether any TSG members had knowledge of recommendation for fine fraction vs. total soil analytical for hazardous substances other than lead. Nobody had.

Perfluorochemical (PFC) Workgroup Update

- The Workgroup's document was submitted to Jim on September 1, 2011.
- The Workgroup has convened on one occasion in the interim to discuss new surface and groundwater PFC detections at the Wurtsmith AFB site and the lack of available toxicity data for many of these PFC chemicals.

2011 TSG Annual Report

- Eric will request the relevant information from the TSG in the near future to compile the 2011 annual report.

2012 TSG Chairperson Nomination

- Kay Fritz was nominated to serve as the TSG Chairperson for 2012. Kay accepted the nomination.

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Future TSG meeting schedule to be determined.