

Toxics Steering Group (TSG) Meeting Summary  
November 23, 2010

**In attendance:**

Amy Babcock – Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE)  
John Buchweitz – Department of Agriculture  
Dennis Bush – DNRE  
Michael Depa – DNRE  
Christine Flaga – DNRE  
Kay Fritz - DNRE  
Jennifer Gray – Department of Community Health (DCH)  
Mary Lee Hultin – DNRE  
Deborah Mackenzie-Taylor – DNRE  
Lisa Quiggle – DCH  
Joy Taylor Morgan - DNRE  
Eric Wildfang - DNRE

**1. Update from the Front Office – Jim Sygo**

- Jim, Lynelle Marolf, and Vince Hellwig will provide the yet-to-be-named metals in topsoil/urban gardening subcommittee with a charge after the first of the year.
- 383 people are retiring from the DNRE. It is unknown at this time which positions or how many positions can be filled.
- The Legislature is expected to act on some bills dealing with reforms to the Part 201 program during their lame duck session.
- The Site Review Board has been eliminated from the Part 111 program. Three types of operating licenses will be issued under the program. The changes will result in a one-step process (instead of two) and make the program more consistent with that of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

**2. Selection of Chairperson of Children’s Environmental Health Subcommittee – Mary Lee Hultin**

- Deb Mackenzie-Taylor volunteered to be the new chairperson. She replaces Mary Lee, who is retiring at the end of the calendar year.

**3. Discussion of Senate Bill 1584 – Amy Babcock**

- It is unlikely that this bill will be acted upon in the remaining session. The bill lists numerous land use categories (instead of only “residential” and “industrial” as had been mentioned earlier in the year) and revises acceptable cancer risk from 1 in 100,000 to 1 in 1,000,000. The TSG will monitor the progress of the bill.

**4. Selection of 2011 TSG Chairperson – All**

- There are currently three members of the TSG who are eligible to serve as chairperson and have not previously done so. Eric Wildfang will replace Amy

Babcock for 2011 and it is expected that either Divinia Ries or Kay Fritz will serve in 2012.

## **5. Other Business – All**

- Regarding the Mueller Brass site, analyses of soil samples from the Belding area have been completed. Eric mentioned that he will review the data and forward the results to those TSG members expected to participate in the metals in soil/urban gardening subcommittee. Air Quality Division's involvement with the site is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, and another public meeting will be scheduled after the first of the year.
- Regarding the Enbridge Oil Spill, the USEPA has requested that the DCH produce a health consultation for the Kalamazoo River. Health consultations will be written for several neighborhoods and incorporate direct contact concerns, air monitoring, and well water sampling.
- The State of Washington recently compiled a list of 59 chemicals that are specifically toxic to children, with the intention of requiring manufacturers to report the quantities and purpose of those chemicals in their products. Proposed rules are expected to be finalized in early 2011.
- Environment Canada has officially listed bisphenol A as being toxic to the environment and human health. No specific regulation has been announced.

## **6. Adjourn**

Next meeting – TBA