

**Department of Environmental Quality
Public Comment Responsiveness Summary, June 17, 2009
Comprehensive Proposal to Modify Cleanup Program
Pall Life Sciences, May 4, 2009
Gelman Sciences Site of Environmental Contamination**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received the following comments during the public comment period from May 11, 2009 through June 8, 2009:

- 15 verbal comments from individuals at the May 27 public meeting
- 31 written comments from individuals
- City of Ann Arbor (verbal only)
- Village of Barton Hills (verbal only)
- Ann Arbor Township (verbal only)
- Washtenaw County
- Senator Liz Brater (verbal only)
- Ryan Sebolt for Representative Pam Byrnes (verbal only)
- Scio Residents for Safe Water (SRSW)
- Protect Our Neighborhoods (PON)
- Coalition for Action on Remediation of Dioxane (CARD)

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff also attended a public meeting on May 20, 2009, sponsored by CARD.

All of the public comments received are available for review at the Jackson District Office, by appointment (see contact information below).

All of the public comments urged the DEQ to deny the proposal. Most of the public comments were general in nature. Comments of a more technical nature were received from Washtenaw County, the CARD, and SRSW.

Due to the short review time available to the DEQ, as required by a court ordered schedule, the DEQ was not able to prepare this responsiveness summary prior to responding to the Pall Life Sciences (PLS) Proposal on June 15, 2009. However, the DEQ did review the public comments prior to responding to PLS. The DEQ denied the PLS Proposal. The DEQ's June 15, 2009 response addresses many of the concerns raised during the public comment period, including the technical concerns raised by the above-mentioned entities.

The DEQ's response also included suggested actions and contingencies that PLS could incorporate in a revised submittal. As the DEQ explained at the DEQ's public meeting, Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), does allow PLS to revise its remedial approach pursuant to amendments to the NREPA in 1995.

The DEQ expects that some of the outstanding issues between PLS and the DEQ will be addressed by the Washtenaw County Circuit Court. The DEQ will continue to keep the public updated as this process evolves, through the DEQ Gelman Sciences web site, e-mail to the DEQ's Gelman distribution list, and meetings with various stakeholders.

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