

Toxics Steering Group (TSG) Meeting Highlights

Date and Time: May 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m

Attendance: See below

Meeting Highlights:

- 1) The TSG Chair, Keisha Williams, facilitated the discussion of the following items:
 - a) Update or rescind [TSG policy and procedure](#)? Members of the group pointed out that the policy and procedure is outdated. The document could be updated to something similar to the Invasive Species Workgroup charter to be inclusive of various members from different departments. This charter approach would be advantageous for working on projects like emerging contaminants that may require involvement of several departments (e.g. MPART)
 - b) Restart the TSG Brownbag Series – the Brownbag series will be co-chaired by Eric Wildfang. Anyone interested to co-chair can reach out to Eric. The work involves coordinating and inviting speakers.
 - c) Host a reference document of EPA, etc. citations – One disagreed, this item will undergo another round of vote.
 - d) Form subcommittee to review [EPA's draft All Ages Lead Model](#) – It was suggested that the Children Subcommittee, reactivated with new members, could do the review. Inviting one of the draft authors to speak to the TSG was suggested.
 - e) Continue to use 2+ step voting process to gain consensus – Group agreed to this. There was also a consensus to use a survey method for voting.
 - f) Form subcommittee to investigate emerging issues and ideas within toxicology. - Brian Hughes suggested having some kind of newsletter, a “Horizon Scan”, that will present emerging issues, links to documents relating emerging contaminants, news releases, what other people are doing, regulatory issues or studies of interest, and other issues the group would like to track. A survey asking the group if this is valuable and how to format the newsletter would be helpful. The Annual Report serves as another avenue.
- 2) TSG Vapor Intrusion Workgroup's revised or updated RIASLs document - Shane and Keisha gave background information on the status of the draft. The group did not provide any additional comment on the draft. The TSG Chair will submit the draft to Directors and Unit Chiefs. Deb McKenzie-Taylor volunteered to move it to DHHS chiefs. The TSG VI Workgroup consists of Shane Morrison (chair), Aubrey Brewer, Jennifer Grant, Alexandra Rafalski, Divinia Ries, and Keisha Williams
- 3) Updates from Toxicology Programs
 - a) Deb MacKenzie-Taylor reported on the hydrogen sulfide from landfills issue, specifically, the odors generated from the landfills, Toxicologists from several units are working on this and a Technical Memorandum will be routed to the TSG for review.
 - b) WRD – Joe Bohr retired
 - c) AQD – Brian reported new chemicals...and a paper about PM and comorbidity environmental justice issues in Detroit. The implication of the study to Michigan is being looked into by a specific Task Force. Deb shared that ATSDR has grant opportunities for evaluating pollution-associated impacts.
- 4) Action Items – Keisha outlined the action items:

- a) A survey will be sent out concerning the reference document item
- b) Brian's suggestion will be added to the survey
- c) Keisha will send out pros and cons of updating policy versus changing it to a charter
- d) Document the historical background of the TSG
- e) VI Workgroup will send the document to division directors and chiefs.
- f) Sessa Kallakuri will forward the Tech Memo on the hydrogen sulfide issue.

5) Next meeting and potential agenda: September 16th, 1pm-4pm

- Next TSG Chair
- Group photo or some other image to go on TSG website
- Event to celebrate 20 years of the TSG (It was noted that the TSG is older than this and began in the 1990s)
- Request for feedback on regulation of toluene diisocyanate
- Discuss inviting risk assessors from LARA to join TSG
- Plan TSG-led Earth Day (April 2021) exhibit
- Presentation on issues that cross departments and divisions:
 - Case study from harmful algal blooms
 - Case study with metal shredder
 - Case study with deriving screening levels for standing water in homes
 - EPA's draft All Ages Lead Model

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