

DSCRT Quarterly Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2005

The meeting was called to Order at 2:02 pm by Linda Sentinek, Chairperson.

Members in Attendance:

Lee Bodnar, Painesville Township
Paul Dugas, Painesville PRP Group
Kristen Fink, Lake County General Health District
Brian Frantz, City of Painesville
Paul Hach, Painesville Township Citizens
Chris Hodges, Lake County
Laura Kramer Kuns, Lake County General Health District
Jenifer Kwasniewski, Hemisphere
Mark Mlachak, City of Painesville Citizens
Teri Phillips, Ohio EPA
Linda Sentinek, Village of Fairport Citizens

A. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The last meeting was held on June 9, 2004. There were no corrections to the meeting minutes.

B. Ohio EPA Report

See Attached.

C. Painesville PRP Group Report

See Attached.

D. Hemisphere Report

See Attached.

E. Communications Committee Report

- Web Site

Hemisphere volunteered to pay to host the DSCRT web site. Ohio EPA will coordinate with Hemisphere to establish and update the web site.

- Newsletter

It was decided to send out the next issue of the DSCRT newsletter in April 2005, to coincide with an increase in site activity and the proposed release of additional operable units. The Communications Committee will meet on February 25, 2005 in order to put together a draft newsletter. It will be presented at the DSCRT meeting in April for approval.

F. Community Concerns

None.

G. Comments from the Public

None.

H. Organizational Business

The Annual Organizational Meeting will be held on April 6, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the Painesville Township Hall. This will include the election of officers for the next year.

The meeting schedule for 2005/2006 is as follows:

Date	Meeting Location
April 6, 2005	Painesville Twp. Hall
July 13, 2005	Painesville Twp. Hall
October 5, 2005	Lake County General Health District
January 11, 2006	Lake County General Health District

All DSCRT meetings will begin at 2:00 pm.

I. Old Business

None.

J. New Business

- Painesville Township Newsletter

Lee Bodnar volunteered to work with Hemisphere on a short article regarding site activities to put into the Painesville Township newsletter, which will be issued in mid-February. Mention was also made that information could be put on the Fairport Harbor and Painesville City public access channels.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri R. Phillips
Site Coordinator
Division of Emergency and Remedial Response
Ohio EPA

Painesville PRP Group Report 6/9/04

Ohio EPA plans a Public Hearing 6/9/04 for their proposed plan (no further action needed) for the Diamond Shamrock Painesville Works Site parcel 7A1. This approximately 65 acre parcel is located at the Southeast corner of the Site, off Elm Street within the City of Painesville. The Ohio EPA had previously approved 2/26/04 the revised Feasibility Study (FS) showing that this parcel had met all standards and completed the environmental investigation process.

On 5/19/04, Ohio EPA issued a letter identifying other areas of Site parcel 3A1 to be investigated for the possible presence of a process waste disposal pit from previous Uniroyal operations on parcel 1C5. Previous Uniroyal historical document review had indicated the presence of this waste pit, but in two previous rounds of soil borings in the indicated area, performed according to our Ohio EPA-approved work plan, no waste was found. After reviewing at our 5/19/04 Ohio EPA meeting the manner in which these other areas had been previously investigated, Ohio EPA will review this matter again.

On 3/24/04, Ohio EPA approved our 3/22/04 work plan to collect representative samples from the coke plant waste piles to run analyses (heat and ash content, etc.) to determine if these waste materials are recyclable in today's economic conditions. The samples were collected 3/25/04, and the results were received and shipped to a recycler for evaluation. The recycler does not believe there is sufficient coal and coke waste material for recovery onsite, but that a pilot test in an existing separation facility may be worthwhile. We are reviewing their proposal to conduct a pilot test.

Ohio EPA disapproved our 1/9/04 Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment for Operable Unit 6 (Parcel 2C1, the former coke plant), and returned comments. We are

incorporating Ohio EPA's comments into a revised report for a timely resubmission.

Ohio EPA stated in a 5/5/04 letter that implementation of our 1/16/04 Water Effects Ratio Study Plan was premature. This plan is intended to assess the effects of materials present in the Grand River on the biosystem. We are reviewing this matter to prepare our response.

On 1/8/04, Ohio EPA approved our work plan for sampling Lake Erie surface water to calibrate groundwater modeling results on parcel 2C1, the coke plant. Two rounds of water samples have been collected and analyzed as per this work plan, and all analytical results were below the detection limit. A report was submitted to Ohio EPA for the first round of samples, and a second report is being prepared for submission.

At the end of March, a seep of colored water was found in a drainage ditch on Uniroyal property adjacent to the East side of parcel 6B1, which is the location of the chromium ore processing waste (COPR) landfill. This landfill is covered and monitored in compliance with U. S. EPA requirements. The colored water was found to have significant concentrations of chromium, and Ohio EPA required that any chromium seepage off parcel 6B1 be stopped. In addition, Ohio EPA required that any additional geohydrology measurements be collected, as needed, to fully describe groundwater movement in this area. A barrier of reducing material was installed in the Uniroyal ditch seep area, and groundwater collection trenches and sumps were installed on parcel 6B1 to collect groundwater for treatment and disposal while any needed long term measures were designed and implemented. On 6/8/04, we excavated a small additional area South of the existing groundwater collection trenches to check for a possible leaking underground pipeline. In the course of this work, we found a buried gravel road which appeared to be saturated. As a result, we installed an additional groundwater collection trench and sump. All this work was conducted on parcel 6B1 outside the cover placed on the COPR landfill.

**Ohio EPA Report
Diamond Shamrock Community Relations Team
January 12, 2005**

The following has occurred at the Diamond Shamrock Painesville Works Site since the June 2004 Diamond Shamrock Community Relations Team meeting:

- Coke Plant - Operable Unit 6

The Painesville PRP Group has been performing a pilot study to determine if the coal fines which remain in waste piles on the property can be reclaimed for use.

Ohio EPA is currently in the process of reviewing the feasibility study for this operable unit. It is anticipated that a preferred plan will be issued for this parcel in late-Winter or early-Spring 2005.

- Former Main Manufacturing Area & Hydroretention Basin - Operable Unit 15 - Round #1 CORF Project

The interim action work plan for Round #1 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) activities has been approved by Ohio EPA. Demolition, filling and grading activities will occur under this work plan that will allow the property to meet risk requirements for residential and recreational activities.

Asbestos abatement and demolition work has been completed at the former pump house, located on Parcel 1B2. Filling and grading activities will be performed on this parcel in the Spring, in coordination with filling and grading activities on the remainder of the operable unit.

- Former Cement Plant (a.k.a Former Aluminum Smelting and Refining Co. & PVS Chemicals) - Operable Unit 2

Residuals removal and demolition work has begun on these parcels. This work is being done by Tierra Solutions, Inc. and is outside the scope of the existing Order with the State of Ohio. Sampling of the silos on the property, for hexavalent chromium, will be completed prior to demolition of those structures.

Ohio EPA is currently in the process of reviewing the feasibility study for this operable unit. It is anticipated that a preferred plan will be issued for this parcel in late-Winter or early-Spring 2005.

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- Study Area 7A1

This study area was released from the Site following the issuance of the Decision Document in September 2004.

- Chromate Plant & Lagoon - Operable Unit 16

Due to a release of hexavalent chromium-contaminated leachate from the closed chromate lagoon to a ditch on the Uniroyal property, which leads to the Grand River, Ohio EPA required an emergency action on the property. Tierra Solutions, Inc. installed collection trenches and a sump to halt the migration of the leachate to the ditch, then installed a sheet piling wall into bedrock to deflect contaminated ground water and leachate away from the Uniroyal property. Treatability studies are currently being performed by Ricerca, in order to assess potential remedial options for this operable unit. Ohio EPA will be requiring sediment sampling of the ditch for chromium and hexavalent chromium, in the near future.

- Grand River Sampling

The Painesville PRP Group has received approval from Ohio EPA to collect additional samples from the Grand River in order to confirm results from previous modeling activities.

- Enforcement

Enforcement activities by Ohio EPA due to non-compliance with the RI/FS Order are still on-going, but nearing completion.

- One Acre Landfill - Operable Unit 10

Ohio EPA is in the process of reviewing the feasibility study for this operable unit. It is anticipated that a preferred plan will be issued for this parcel in Spring 2005.

- Former Waste Lake (Soup Pond) #4 - Operable Unit 14

Ohio EPA has recently received the feasibility study for this operable unit. The report will be undergoing review by the Agency in the near future. It is anticipated that a preferred plan will be drafted for the operable unit in late-Spring or early-Summer 2005.