

# **DSCRT Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**January 22, 2003**

The meeting was called to Order at 2:05 p.m. by Linda Sentinek, Chairperson.

DSCRT members in attendance:

Lee Bodnar	Painesville Township
Paul Dugas	Painesville PRP Group
Paul Hach	Citizen, Painesville Township
Verne Horton	Village of Fairport
Laura Kramer Kuns	Lake County General Health District
Rita McMahon	City of Painesville
Nancy Niehus	Lake County General Health District
Teri Phillips	Ohio EPA
Linda Sentinek	Citizen, Village of Fairport
Mike Settles	Ohio EPA

## **A. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The last meeting was held on June 5, 2002. It was noted that Jenifer Kwasniewski, Hemisphere Corp., was listed as a "DSCRT member" in the June 5, 2002 meeting minutes. A motion was made to amend the June 5, 2002 meeting minutes and to approve the minutes as amended. Paul Hach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **B. Ohio EPA Report**

See Attached.

## **C. Painesville PRP Group Report**

See Attached.

## **D. Communications Committee Report**

### **1. Newsletter**

Lee Bodnar has taken over Frank Svegel's position as Painesville Township Administrator. Lee was appointed as the new chairperson of the Communications Committee and volunteered to continue publishing

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the DSCRT newsletter.

A Communications Committee meeting has been scheduled for March 26, 2003 to prepare a draft newsletter for release in late-Spring 2003. The meeting will be held at the Painesville Township Hall at 1:00 p.m.

2. Web Page

The web page has been updated. The most recent newsletter will be included and the roster will be updated.

3. DSCRT Notebook

It was decided that a notebook containing DSCRT information would be placed in each of the document repositories. This notebook will include: meeting minutes, by-laws, newsletters, a modified roster (without phone numbers and mailing addresses), and a copy of the Lakeview Bluffs Brownfields article regarding redevelopment.

4. Video

Deb Remington, Harvey High School, will hold on to the video already taken of site activities. Verne Horton suggested that Fairport High School may be willing to work with Harvey High School to complete a video for release to the public. Verne will check to see if Fairport High School is interested in this type of partnership. The committee also suggested that either a video or slide show be used (if one is completed) during the next public meeting.

**E. Community Concerns**

None.

**F. Comments from the Public**

A citizen raised questions regarding the future plans for the coke ovens and stated that they would like see them demolished. It was pointed out that neither TSI, the Painesville PRP Group or Hemisphere Corp. have any control over the coke plant property and therefore could not make decisions regarding potential demolition of the coke plant ovens.

**G. Organizational Business**

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1. Election of Officers

Postponed until the April 16, 2003 meeting.

2. Membership

Rita McMahon will appoint a Painesville citizen representative to the committee. Dave Pohto needs to be added back onto the roster as the alternate for Village of Fairport Government.

3. By-Laws - Amendments

The following amendments to the DSCRT by-laws were proposed during the meeting. These are as follows:

a. Article II - Purpose

Teri Phillips proposed that the purpose be modified to read: "...investigation remediation and reuse..."

b. Article III - Members

Verne Horton proposed that one (1) representative from Hemisphere be added as a member of the DSCRT.

c. Article V - Item 4 - Meetings - Agenda

Nancy Niehus proposed that Hemisphere be made item "d" on the agenda and all the other items be moved down.

d. New Article

Teri Phillips proposed that the following language be added to the by-laws:

"Meeting minutes are considered approved ten (10) days from publication (via e-mail and/or U.S. Mail) to DSCRT members. If comments/changes are made to the minutes, they will be resubmitted to the members for approval."

These proposed changes/additions to the by-laws will be voted on at the April 15, 2003 DSCRT meeting.

4. Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for the next year are as follows:

April 16, 2003  
July 16, 2003  
October 15, 2003  
January 14, 2004

All meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m and will be held in the main conference room at the Lake County General Health District offices, 33 Mill Street, Painesville.

H. **Old Business**

None.

I. **New Business**

1. Redevelopment Issues

Jenifer Kwasniewski, Hemisphere Corp., provided information regarding redevelopment schedules for the Site. It is estimated that remedial activities will begin on Parcels 1B1 and 1B2 (the former main manufacturing area and water intake) in late Spring/early Summer 2003. Work will also begin south of Fairport Nursery Road on Parcel 5B1 (former hydroretention basin) during the summer. Hemisphere plans to remove contaminated soils and replace it with clean soils. They estimate that it will take six (6) to nine (9) months to complete the remedy. The exact amount of time is unknown due to the foundations that still exist below the surface soils on Parcel 1B1.

Hemisphere applied with Lake Metroparks for trail funds for purchase of easements south of the Grand River. This application was denied.

Parcel 7A1 - located on the south side of the Grand River, near Route 2 - currently there are "irons in the fire" for potential development of the property.

2. Study Area Locations

It was decided that a site map will be made available for use during each DSCRT meeting.

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The next DSCRT meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2003 at 2:00 pm in the main conference room of the Lake County General Health District Office. **Please note that we will be electing officers and making changes to the by-laws. Changes to the by-laws can only be made by a two-thirds vote. Therefore, if you will not be able to attend the meeting, please fill out the attached proxy form and submit to Linda Sentinek no later than April 15, 2003. Thanks.**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

**Attachment A**

**OHIO EPA REPORT**

- Comments regarding the Phase II Remedial Investigation Report (1<sup>st</sup> submittal) were provided to the Painesville PRP Group in December 2002. The PRPs will submit a revised document for Ohio EPA review by late-February. Once the document is approved, Ohio EPA will schedule a public meeting to update citizens on the findings of the remedial investigation.
- The time-critical removal at the coke plant has been completed. The final report submitted by the Painesville PRP Group should be approved by U.S. EPA in the immediate future.
- The only investigatory activities remaining are: (1) the sampling of the soils below the large waste piles at the coke plant (Study Area 2C1), and (2) measuring of ground water levels in wells across the Site. It is anticipated that work at the coke plant will be completed in Spring 2003 and the final round of water levels will be measured in Fall/Winter 2003.
- Ohio EPA DHWM is currently reviewing sampling results from the large waste pile characterization activities at the coke plant. They will determine if any additional sampling of the piles is needed and whether the piles will be characterized as either a hazardous or solid waste.
- Crompton (Uniroyal) completed sampling activities of sand piles moved from the former Dartron property to the Hach property in August 2002. Ohio EPA is currently reviewing the report. The report recommends that the sand, which contains elevated levels of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), be disposed in a landfill as a solid waste.
- Based on newly discovered information, the Painesville PRP Group has determined that a disposal area may exist in Study Area 3A1. They have proposed additional sampling for this parcel. Ohio EPA has received the work plan for the sampling activities and will review the document in the near future.
- The Painesville PRP Group has recently notified Ohio EPA that they will be resubmitting the Feasibility Study Report for Study Area 7A1. Once approved, Ohio EPA will draft a Preferred Plan outlining the Agency's preferred remedial option for the parcel. The Agency will solicit public comment on the proposal prior to making a final determination on the remedy.

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- Ohio EPA, the Painesville PRP Group and others are still working toward reaching a resolution of the enforcement action brought against signatories to the Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFO) in 2000. The amount of penalty is the primary outstanding issue.
- Crompton (Uniroyal) has recently expressed an interest in becoming more actively involved at the Site. Ohio EPA and representatives from the Ohio Attorney General's Office will be meeting with Crompton attorneys on Friday to discuss the issue.
- Lake County and Hemisphere Corp. have received money from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund for additional remediation of Study Areas 1B1, 1B2 and 5B1 of the Site. Ohio EPA is currently working with Hemisphere to finalize the contingencies for the grant agreement. It is anticipated, if the agreement is signed by the end of January, that remedial activities may begin as early as Summer 2003 on these parcels.

**Attachment B**

Painesville PRP Group Progress Report  
Diamond Shamrock Community Relations Team Meeting  
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All environmental sampling work has been completed under the Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan, which was implemented in two phases. The Phase 2 RI report was submitted and Ohio EPA has reviewed and commented on the document. Additional Ohio EPA guidance on groundwater flow modeling is expected in the very near future. The PRP Group is working on a revised Phase 2 RI report which is now due to Ohio EPA 2/24/03.

Ohio EPA guidance on the Phase 2 RI report will also be used to revise two Feasibility Study reports previously submitted to Ohio EPA. These reports summarized the environmental status of two Site sections as acceptable. These two reports will be revised and resubmitted for Ohio EPA review after the revised Phased 2 RI report is submitted to Ohio EPA. After Ohio EPA approves each report, then Ohio EPA will propose a Preferred Plan for that Site section and hold a public hearing to gather community comments on their preferred plan.

The PRP Group has proposed for Ohio EPA review additional environmental sampling work to further characterize the Site. The results of this work will be submitted to Ohio EPA as document addendums after completion.

- 1) At the former coke plant, it is proposed that soil below the large waste piles be sampled and characterized.
- 2) Throughout the Site, it is proposed that groundwater surface elevations be measured quarterly in all Site monitoring wells throughout calendar 2003 to check for seasonal variability.
- 3) North of the former Uniroyal/Dartron parcel (northeast part of the Site), it is proposed that soil probes be used to collect samples to check for the possible presence of a waste disposal pit from former Uniroyal operations. The possible location of this pit was only recently discovered in old Uniroyal documents.

Separately from the PRP Group RIFS work, in August 2001 Ohio EPA found a release of hazardous materials from one of the tanks on the former coke plant parcel. Ohio EPA notified the existing property owner, who failed to respond. Ohio EPA referred this matter to U.S. EPA, and a hazardous materials removal action was completed under a

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separate U.S. EPA order 10/31/02. The final report describing this work was submitted to U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA 12/19/02, and both groups are reviewing the document.