

DSCRT Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2004

The meeting was called to Order at 3:59 pm by Linda Sentinek, Chairperson.

A. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The last meeting was held on March 10, 2004. There were no corrections to the meeting minutes.

B. Ohio EPA Report

No Report.

C. Painesville PRP Group Report

See Attached.

D. Hemisphere Report

- Demolition contract for the pump house has been signed. B&B Wrecking & Excavating will be starting work within the next two weeks. They are trying to coincide the demo activities with bring in soils for Study Area 1B1. Hemisphere will give everyone notice prior to the start of demo activities.
- The Interim Action Work Plan for the Round #1 CORF property (Study Areas 1B1, 1B2 and 5B1) has been reviewed by Ohio EPA. Hemisphere has hired CT Consultants and Hull & Associates to draft bid specifications for the remediation work. The bid will be public noticed.
- Representatives from Ohio Department of Development will be touring the Site on July 1, 2004. Hemisphere has requested that Ohio EPA be present during the tour.
- The Round #2 CORF project was not funded through the Clean Ohio Fund, however Tierra Solutions (TSI) now controls the property and wants to remediate it using (in part) funding from Lake County.
- Hemisphere is still trying to decide which parcel they will take through the Round #3 CORF.
- A transportation bill going through Congress has proposed mony for Lake Metroparks to purchase the south side of the Grand River corridor, which

runs along the Site. Lake Metroparks would revegetate and maintain that portion of the corridor.

- The vineyard is doing well. Ohio State will make wine for chemical analysis this year. Next you they will bottle.
- Hemisphere is planning to plug brine pipes which extend into hillside onto Study Area 1B2.
- Hemisphere is currently working on an erosion control study and a site-wide geotechnical study.

E. Communications Committee Report

No Report.

F. Community Concerns

None.

G. Comments from the Public

None.

H. Organizational Business

The public meeting / hearing for the proposed release of Study Area 7A1 will be held tonight at 6:30 pm.

The next DSCRT meeting will be held on September 15th.

I. Old Business

None.

J. New Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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.