



Community Advisory Panel

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

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The Dow Community Advisory Panel met on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dow Conference Center. The following persons attended the meeting:

CAP Members

Ms. Carolyn Brown
Ms. Scarlet Callicoatte
Ms. Juanita Hill
Mr. Mickey Rivet
Mr. Raymond Smith, Jr.
Mr. Daniel Stoute

Dow Personnel

Mr. Lee Trusty
Mr. Sharon Cole
Mr. Dennis Davis
Mr. David Strickland
Ms. Kristen Watkins
Ms. Stacey Chiasson
Ms. Fran Comeaux

Facilitation Team

Tim Johnson, Facilitator
Nancy Campanella, Recorder

Panel members, Mr. Bill Cooper, Ms. Emma Davis, Ms. Shelley Delapasse, Mr. Earnest Grant, Mr. Huey Gray, Mr. Gerald Trent, Mr. Jeff Wille, and Mr. Gerald Wilson, were unable to attend the meeting. After the facilitator welcomed everyone, the panel approved the June 18, 2007 CAP meeting minutes, as written.

Comments by Mr. Lee Trusty

Mr. Trusty expressed his appreciation to the CAP members for their good, direct feedback from the community, explaining that he has addressed the issues and concerns of the panel members. While site manager, the plant has shown improvements in the areas of safety and the environment, as well as improvements in reducing risks. He will be moving to another position and relocating to Texas in early 2008.

Comments by Panel Members Included the Following:

1. It was nice to receive a phone call regarding Mr. Trusty's promotion before reading it in the news.
2. It has been a pleasure working with Mr. Trusty.
3. Mr. Trusty provided truthful and direct input to CAP members.
4. The panel thanked him for taking his time and interest in the panel, and wished him the best in his new position.

After the panel members introduced themselves to the new site manager, Sharon Cole, she provided background information and stated that it is a privilege to be back at the LAO site. Although she has never worked with a CAP before, she is looking forward to the panel

members' help and input. She stated that it is important to prepare kids to compete and to be educated and to be part of the community. It is her goal to raise the site to the next level of performance.

Comments by Panel Members Included the Following:

1. Thanks for making your home in the plant area.
2. Welcome to the community.

Contract Trailer Park Presentation

Mr. David Strickland stated that Dow is in the process of setting up a mobile construction trailer park for use by contractors on the site. Dow is trying to leverage its learnings from sites across the U.S. to determine where to place them while following Dow's internal rules and guidelines. All of the trailers will be connected to air conditioning, water, and sewage lines, and will have telecommunications abilities – just like buildings. The 16-18 lots will be located near the old Gate 3 in the Old Morrisonville area. Eight of the lots will be 50 feet wide and 100 feet deep. An ES&S building and mobile emergency operations center will be part of the park. They will have their own satellite system, power, water, and showers. Electricity will be extended from behind Gate 3. Cable trays will be supported by parking logs. Eight-10 slots are already reserved. Dow and state regulations will be followed. About \$500,000 will be spent on the project to bring the facilities up to the convenience level of buildings. Safety is the primary reason for placing the trailers away from the processes.

Answers to Questions Included the Following:

1. There will be centralized parking in the trailer park. The distance between the trailers will be approximately 2 cars width.
2. The nearest fire department to service the trailer park will be Dow's, which can reach the site within 3 minutes.
3. The trailers will be used for contract workers during turnarounds.
4. The project is completely funded by Dow capital funds for new construction.
5. The contractors will provide their own trailers.

Responsible Care Performance Measurements

Mr. Dennis provided Responsible Care Performance Measurements for June 18-August 20, 2007, stating that there were 6 site OSHA injuries recorded to date in 2007. Dow's challenge is to rise to the next level of performance. There was 1 contractor injury at the site on July 26, when an employee broke his finger while providing backup for an impact wrench while removing an exchange head in the LHC3 plant. The injury required surgery, and the employee will be okay. There were 3 outside complaints -- 2 from the community regarding the train blocking LA 1. Mr. Trusty explained that a study had been done regarding the possibility of an overpass over LA and Dow continues to work with the Legislature on this request. A concern is LA 1 is an evacuation route and railroads are busy switching to get rail cars out of the plants when there is an emergency; and 1 from a resident concerned about a rumbling sound in the area. Dow sent someone to her home, and 911 was called at the same time. There were no reports of any problems in the area. There were no spills affecting the community, agency audits, public notices, or serious transportation incidents during the reporting period.

There have been 9 agency reportables year-to- date. Releases in the June 19-August 20, 2007 reporting period were as follows:

1. June 18 – release of 11.9 pounds of methyl chlorides from the Methanes plant (Agency limit – 2.1 pounds). This is a sample integrity issue and there is no way to disprove the findings.
2. June 20 – 1,840 pounds of mineral oil and 2850 pounds of Isopar E were released because of an in-board seal failure in the Poly C plant (Agency limit - 1000 pounds of each). The spill was contained and cleaned up, but is still regarded as a release.
3. June 27 – release of 10,901 pounds of total suspended solids in the Solvents/EDC unit (Agency limit - 6,837 pounds). Water from the Mississippi River is used in some plant processes. When silt levels in the river are high, the permit amounts are affected. Even though less silt is returned to the river than is taken out, the amounts are still not permitted amounts.
4. June 29 – release of 9268 pounds of total suspended solids in the Solvents/EDC unit.
5. June 30 – release of 4922 pounds of total suspended solids in the Solvents/EDC unit.
6. August 6 – release of 176 pounds of ethylene caused by a ruptured disk defect at the Poly A plant – (Agency limit – 100 pounds).

There were no injuries or any offsite impact due to any of the incidents. Dow's goal is to perform well.

Dow in the News

Ms. Chiasson provided information regarding news articles posted during the reporting period of June 19-August 20, 2007 including the following:

1. June 28 – new site leadership named for Dow LAO.
2. June 28 and July 2 – Iberville Parish celebrates the 4th of July and the parish's 200th birthday.
3. July 12 – North Iberville non-profit feeds many hungry residents. A panel member expressed appreciation to Dow for partnering in this effort to feed 200 hungry people.
4. July 26 – Ethics Board: state employees erred in taking free Dow flight.
5. July 26 – Officials welcome delegates from China.

Upcoming events and activities include the following:

1. Dow will sponsor admission to the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum on September 2.
2. The United Way employee campaign will take place September 10-21. Dow employees pledged over \$500,000 last year.
3. The Habitat for Humanities Build will be held in Plaquemine from September 22-October 6. Two houses will be built, one being designated for a Katrina victim. In response to a panel member's question, Ms. Comeaux explained that there is an application process for obtaining one of these homes. Applicants must be interviewed, demonstrate need, and be able to pay the mortgage (\$300-\$350 per month). Interested persons may call Habitat for Humanity for more information.
4. The United Way golf tournament will be held on October 2.
5. Dow's Door to Door program will be held on October 24.

Next Meeting

The next Dow CAP meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dow Conference Center. The main agenda item will include a global climate change presentation, or a presentation on Dow's 2006 TRI data.