

Meeting Minutes

Aiken County US EPA Brownfields Assessment Project Task Force Meeting

February 28, 2005

Attendees:

Joan Donnelly, Aiken County
Clay Killian, Aiken County
Gail Rawls Jeter, SCDHEC
Rick Caldwell, II, SCDHEC
Neil Farfour, H Three OH
Debra Stephen, H Three OH
L. "Larry" Murphy, Resident
Glyn Luke, Clearwater First Baptist Church
LeWana McKenzie, Aiken County Council
Ronnie Young, Aiken County Council
James Burckhalter, SCDHEC
Randy Morgan, Clearwater First Baptist
David Sykes, Concurrent Technologies Corporation
Joe Morici, Concurrent Technologies Corporation
Renae Hastings, Concurrent Technologies Corporation

Gail Jeter brought the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and then turned the meeting over to David Sykes for an update on the Seminole Mill property.

David Sykes of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (*CTC*) explained that *CTC* partnered with MACTEC on this project. Matt Cooke of MACTEC conducted an initial site visit the previous week. David informed the group that while Matt was doing the actual site work, he was reviewing the previous files on the Seminole Mill and the Clearwater Finishing Plant properties. At this time, he indicated that he hadn't discovered anything that they didn't already know.

In addition to the site visit, Matt Cooke has been researching the historical records, as well as looking for various individuals to talk with that might have first-hand knowledge of operational procedures, burial locations of materials, etc. The names of Denton Johnson and Ferrell Ivey were given as possible contacts.

David then mentioned that various individuals within *CTC* had begun work on developing a brochure and a project website with the County of Aiken.

He indicated that EPA requires a Phase I be completed and then move forward from that point. The Phase I will have a recommendation as to what needs to be done next.

Gail Jeter then asked, "When do you hope to have the Phase I report?" David stated that we would have that report within the next couple of weeks. He indicated that he would send a copy to the County, EPA and to Gail. The next step would be to meet and strategize on how to proceed. Gail stated that Tim Kadar with the SCDHEC would be project manager.

David also indicated that any aerial photographs of this particular area would be of great help also since there are no Sanborn fire maps available.

Rick Caldwell then told the group that Mr. Merritt refused the Consent Order, so an Administrative Order should be issued shortly regarding the actual property ownership, who is responsible for the cleanup of materials and the maintenance of the fence.

Neil Farfour then discussed the Clearwater Finishing Plant issues. SCDHEC is working with Mr. Farfour to ensure that the PCB contamination has been cleaned up properly. It was suggested that they might be able to use targeted EPA funds to collect more samples. This will be determined next quarter.

David also mentioned that HUD's Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) program in conjunction with the Section 108 Loan program maybe an option for cleanup and redevelopment at the Clearwater Finishing Plant as well as Seminole Mill.

Discussion then turned to the chromium contamination on the Clearwater property. It was reported that the chromium contamination is bad enough that it has to be addressed. An update will be given on this next quarter by Tim Kadar. The contamination is severe enough for the property to be listed on the NPL; however, other options are being explored in order to avoid the stigma associated with being listed on the NPL.

Action Items:

Gail took the action to request Tim Kadar attend the next meeting and give a presentation on the chromium contamination at the Clearwater Finishing Plant.

David took the action to research the details of the BEDI program and provide details at the next meeting.

LeWana McKenzie took the action to contact Denton Johnson and Ferrell Ivey about doing an interview for the environmental assessment at the Seminole Mill.

The next meeting will be held at Clearwater First Baptist Church at 5 pm Monday, April 11, 2005.