

# Meeting Minutes

## Aiken County US EPA Brownfields Assessment Project Task Force Meeting

May 9, 2005

### Attendees:

Gail Rawls Jeter, SCDHEC  
LeWana McKenzie, Aiken CC District 3  
Joan Donnelly, Aiken County Administration  
Clay Killian, Aiken County Administration  
Terry Horn, H&H ECE Systems  
Randy Morgan, Clearwater First Baptist  
Glyn Luke, Clearwater First Baptist Church  
Craig Dukes, SCDHEC  
Tim Kadar, SCDHEC  
Larry Murphy, Resident  
Debra Stephen, H Three OH  
Neil Farfour, H Three OH  
J. Roland Smith, SC Representative  
Alton Johnson, Aiken County  
Rick Caldwell, II, SCDHEC  
David Sykes, Concurrent Technologies Corporation  
Joe Morici, Concurrent Technologies Corporation

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

- I. Seminole Mill
  - a. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

David Sykes of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (*CTC*) reported that MACTEC, *CTC*'s partner/subcontractor, completed the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) at the Seminole Mill site. The Phase I ESA did not reveal any significant new information, but confirmed the presence of asbestos, above ground storage tanks, one or two 55-gallon drums of waste oil, and that DHEC

had identified the dumping of drums and material at the site. The Phase I ESA recommended that a Phase II ESA be completed. Mr. Sykes stated that the Phase II ESA will address areas along the Clearwater boundary. *CTC* and *MACTEC* will work on the Phase II ESA plan with DHEC.

Ms. Jeter indicated that Tim Kadar has been working on assessment activities for the Clearwater site, and that he will be the Project Manager for DHEC for the Seminole Mill assessment.

Mr. Sykes reported that a Protected Species and Cultural assessment has also been completed for the Seminole Mill site. The assessment indicated nothing to prevent redevelopment.

b. Next Step

In response to a question from Ms. Jeter, Mr. Sykes stated that *CTC/MACTEC* should have the Phase II Sampling Plan completed by midsummer. The plan would then be submitted to the EPA and DHEC for a 45-day review. Mr. Sykes stated that the Phase II ESA will take between six and nine months to complete.

Ms. Jeter encouraged Mr. Sykes to include assessment activities along the boundary with Clearwater, stating that at one time it was all one company.

Mr. Sykes indicated that sampling activity would probably take place near the boundary and pointed to the area in question on a map of the property.

Mr. Sykes reported that Nicole Bates, the EPA Brownfield Project Manager, will visit the county on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

c. Asbestos Issue

Ms. Jeter reported that she spoke to Rick Caldwell with DHEC and the admin order is imminent. She will e-mail LeWana McKenzie, Aiken CC District 3, when it is issued.

In response to a question asking how it will affect people receiving money for asbestos, Ms. Jeter stated that she was unaware that there were any persons receiving money.

## II. Clearwater Finishing

### a. Presentation – Tim Kadar, SCDHEC

Tim Kadar, SCDHEC, delivered a presentation on the progress and results of the assessment activities at the Clearwater site.

### b. Next Steps

Debra Stephen, H Three OH, raised the issue of hazardous waste cleanup. She introduced Terry Horn, a contractor from Washington state. Mr. Horn stated that the waste could possibly be treatable to make it non-hazardous, and he stated that more analysis was needed to determine whether the waste was leachable.

Ms. Stephen stated she wished to discuss how to fund the cleanup of the three problem areas.

Mr. Kadar stated that due to the release to Little Horse Creek, the site could end up on the National Priorities List.

Ms. Stephen asked about the possibility of a BEDI grant. Mr. Sykes outlined the hurdles, including; needing a clear picture of the contamination on site, known

redevelopment options, and a means of repaying the loan portion of the project. Ms. Stephen agreed that it was not a near-term option.

At the end of the meeting, Neil Farfour, H Three OH, stated that he has someone who buys plants like this coming at the end of the month to look at the property. This buyer has already bought three in Ohio. Mr. Farfour stated that others were interested but not until the sampling was completed.

c. Charrette

Ms. Jeter reported that Nancy Whittle, SCDHEC, was willing to come down for a day or day and a half to host a charrette. Ms. Jeter briefly explained that a charette is a collaborative planning and visioning session that could be used to bring all concerned parties together to develop redevelopment options for the site. She provided information to Ms. McKenzie, who will review it and decide whether or not to have one.

III. Bath Mill

a. Status

Ms. Jeter stated that Mr. Jones is not eligible for property tax exemption until he receives a certification of completion.

Clay Killian, Aiken County Administration, stated that the closing statements were needed to clarify prorating of taxes.

Ms. Jeter stated that Mr. Jones said he has put \$100,000 to \$150,000 into cleanup.

Alton Johnson, Aiken County, questioned that statement, saying that Mr. Jones has been deployed.

Ms. Jeter stated that Mr. Jones said that 120 dump truck loads had been hauled off the site. She thanked the county for

waiving the dumping fees for this effort. Ms. Jeter stated that she will try to make a trip to meet him.

Action Items:

- ✍ Mr. Sykes and Mr. Kadar will coordinate on the Phase II ESA for the Seminole Mill Site.
- ✍ Ms. Jeter will e-mail Ms. McKenzie when the admin order is issued for Seminole Mill.
- ✍ At Clearwater, the water will be removed from Waste Treatment Impoundments and sludge samples will be collected.
- ✍ Ms. McKenzie will review the charrette information and let Ms. Jeter know whether or not they are interested.
- ✍ DHEC will meet with Mr. Jones concerning the Bath Mill site.

The next meeting will be held at Clearwater First Baptist Church at 5 pm Monday, August 8, 2005.