

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION  
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING NO. 35**

**DATE:** October 9, 2009  
**TIME:** 11:00 A.M. EST  
**LOCATION:** CRA Field Trailer  
**RECORDED BY:** Katie Kamm

**ATTENDEES:** Larry Chenault - North Lawrence Water Authority (guest)  
Phil Hawkins - North Lawrence Water Authority (guest)  
Chris Myer - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (guest)  
Mike Sickels - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (guest)  
Larry Smith - Bedford Resident  
Janie Craig Chenault - Lawrence County Resident  
Paul McBride - Lawrence County Sanitarian  
David Favero - Motors Liquidation Company (guest)  
Jeff Hummel - General Motors Plant Environmental  
Tim Rienks - General Motors Plant Environmental  
Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors Remediation  
Ed Peterson - General Motors Remediation  
Katie Kamm - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates Resident Engineer

**ABSENT:** *The following persons were invited but could not attend:*  
Tom Brent - Bedford Resident  
Robert Dailey - Bedford Resident  
David Flinn - County Road Commissioner  
Shawna M. Girgis - Mayor, City of Bedford  
Bob Hamilton - Bedford Resident  
Carl Holmberg - General Motors Facilities  
Rod Smith - Bedford Planning, Zoning, and Building  
Marla Jones - Bedford Economic Growth Council  
Eric Gonzales - General Motors Plant Manager  
Chris May - County Commissioner  
Gene McCracken - Lawrence County Economic Growth Council  
Dave NaKarado - Evergreen GMAC Realtors  
Eace Roberts - Bedford Regional Medical Center  
Bill Spreen - Lawrence County Commissioner  
David Holmes - Lawrence County Highway Superintendent  
Scott Johanson - Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates  
Peter Ramanauskas - U.S. EPA  
Brad Stimple - U.S. EPA  
Jerry O'Callaghan - Indiana Department of Environmental Management

**11:15** Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.

**11:15** Cheryl introduced Dave Favero of Motors Liquidation Company (MLC). Dave was present to answer questions on MLC owned properties.

Cheryl inquired if there were any new member nominations and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. No new members were nominated.

Cheryl asked if there was any old business to report. No old business was raised.

Under new business, Jaine Chenault brought up community questions she has heard. Janie noted that she had been asked questions from the people on whether or not GM was going to finish the project. Cheryl and Ed Peterson confirmed that GM's intent was to finish the project.

**11:20** Ed reminded everyone that GM Corporation filed for bankruptcy of June 1, 2009. A new company, General Motors Company (now called General Motors LLC), emerged from bankruptcy on July 10, 2009 as a privately owned company with the U.S. government, the Canadian government, and the UAW as the primary owners. The Bedford plant is part of the new GM as are a few select properties adjacent to the property that are necessary to complete the East Plant Area remedies. The majority of the off-Site properties are still owned by the old GM Corporation, now called Motors Liquidation Company (MLC). GM will continue to be responsible for the cleanup activities on-Site and private properties not owned by MLC. MLC will address any remediation issues on MLC-owned properties.

**11:25** Ed gave an update on the CERCLA Removal Action.

- GM and MLC have been working through an agreement to consolidate and coordinate the remaining creek Removal Action with work at the East Plant Area. A tentative agreement has been discussed whereas GM LLC would perform the excavation and transportation work on MLC-owned property, on behalf of MLC. There has been no discussion or agreement on whether GM LLC would conduct the restoration on MLC-owned properties.
- Work in 2009 has been delayed because of issues related to the bankruptcy and working through agreements with MLC. There were also difficulties in trying to hire a contractor during the bankruptcy. A contractor has been now selected and work has resumed.
- GM expects that roughly 1,000 cy of material from the creek will be excavated and transported in 2009. The balance of the material excavation and transportation is expected to resume in Spring 2010 and be completed in the same year.
- Restoration activities will continue into 2011.

**11:30** Ed identified the various work areas including Area G, East Plant, Parcel 400, the borrow area and Spring 18 area. Ed noted that GM LLC intends to shut down over the winter. "Winterization" will include securing tarps over areas of clean soil to protect the soil from further erosion. A heavier plastic liner was placed over impacted material last winter to prevent impacted material from eroding and this liner will remain through this winter. The work areas will be inspected to ensure the tarps and liner are intact. In

addition, GM LLC will continue to collect and treat water from Spring 18.

**11:35** Ed showed slides of the areas on the creek where restoration has been completed. Ed noted that the slide showing a small blued tarped pile within the Parcel 39 wetland restoration area (visible from the intersection of Bud Ikerd and Peerless Roads) is actually covering clean gravel so that the material does not wash away.

**11:40** Ed pointed out the truck traffic routes. There will be a short period of truck traffic in 2009 with an increase in 2010 when the balance of the excavation work is expected to be completed and restoration work resumes. Larry Chenault noted that the road between the old school and Oolitic Road was bad and asked whether repaving would occur this year. Ed stated that GM would not be doing re-paving before the truck traffic is substantially completed. Repaving of the southern part of Peerless and Breckenridge will be done to the extent needed once trucking for the project is complete.

Ed noted that the truck traffic phone number has been changed to Katie Kamm's office number. Any concerns or questions over the roads should be directed to Katie.

**11:45** Ed gave an updated on the RCRA Corrective Action.

GM continues to implement the Interim Measures for the East Plant Area. The work has been delayed as a result of the bankruptcy and negotiations with MLC. Some work is expected to continue in 2009 with the majority of the remaining soil placement and hauling to occur in 2010. GM will continue to place Cover System layers in 2009 and through 2011.

GM continues to perform groundwater testing. This testing will continue once access is worked out with MLC. Ed noted that the perimeter groundwater collection trench work around the downgradient side of the East Plant Area is expected to be installed in 2011/2012.

The AOI8 collection system requires additional testing in order to finalize the design. That testing will occur in 2010.

The West Plant remediation work has been completed. A combination of asphalt cover and soil/plastic cover system is scheduled to be placed over the area. The cap will meet the requirement of the approved East Plant Area cap.

There is an area just west of the plant where low PCB levels were detected in fill soil. This area is owned by third parties, including MLC. GM, MLC and the agencies will work together to develop a remedy, appropriate for the property use.

**11:50** Ed identified upcoming activities for Fall 2009. Activities included excavating soil from the creek floodplain east of the Peerless Road bridge, and transporting the material to the East Plant.

Upcoming activities for 2010 include the balance of the excavation and transport soil from the west of the Peerless Road bridge area to the East Plant; continuing to work on the East Plant cover system, continuing RFI groundwater monitoring, and road repairs (as needed).

**11:50** Cheryl gave an update on Community Relations

- The last set of Neighborhood and Public Meetings were held on October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl stated that the next Public Meetings are tentatively scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with the CLP meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Cheryl reviewed contact numbers for project personnel and pointed out locations where the community can obtain project information. Due to a reduction in communication requests from the public and the fact that the project is well along, site communications information requests are now being routed through Katie Kamm. Both Cheryl and Ed are available as well.

**11:55** The meeting was adjourned.