

**GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION
COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES
MEETING NO. 32**

DATE: December 12, 2008
TIME: 11:00 A.M. EST
LOCATION: GM Powertrain Bedford Facility
RECORDED BY: Jim McGuigan

ATTENDEES:

Robert Dailey – Bedford Resident
Shawna M. Girgis – Mayor, City of Bedford
Cheryl Hiatt – General Motors
Marla Jones – Lawrence County Economic Growth Council
Katie Kamm – Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (guest)
Clayton Koher – U.S. Public Health Service - ATSDR
Jim McGuigan – Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Chris Myer - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (guest)
Dave NaKarado – Evergreen GMAC Realtors
Ed Peterson – General Motors
Eace Roberts – Bedford Regional Medical Center
Mike Sickels - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (guest)

ABSENT:

The following members were invited but could not attend:
Adele Bowden-Purlee – Bedford Chamber of Commerce
Tom Brent – Bedford Resident
Janie Craig Chenault – Bedford Resident
Melva Cooper - Bedford Resident
Mike Cooper – Dunn Memorial Hospital
David Flinn – County Road Commissioner
Stanley Glenn – Bedford Resident
Bob Hamilton – Bedford Resident
Mike Hilfinger – General Motors Real Estate
Tammie Jean – County Assessors Office
Joseph Klumpp – Bedford Resident
John Lancaster – GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager
Joanne Mabrey – GM Bedford Plant Communications
Chris May - County Commissioner
Paul McBride – County Health Sanitarian
Gene McCracken – Lawrence County Economic Growth Council
Larry Smith – Bedford Resident
Bill Spreen – Lawrence County Commissioner
Susan Waun – General Motors, Communications
John Williams – Bedford Resident

11:20 Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.

- 11:25** Cheryl reviewed Old Business from the September 2008 meeting.
- Cheryl inquired if there were any new member nominations and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. No new members were nominated.
 - Cheryl stated that some Members of the CLP Panel had not been at the last several Meetings, and suggested we might want to contact them to see if they are still interested in participating in the Panel.
 - The Panel offered no comments on the draft Meeting Minutes from the last meeting, and therefore the Minutes were approved as submitted. Final Meeting Minutes will be placed in the public repositories and on the website.

- 11:30** Cheryl asked if there were any issues that the panel wished to raise.
- No issues were identified by the Panel.

Cheryl stated that the recent cold weather and rain had impacted the project progress. GM originally had hoped to have all the creek soil from the Downstream Removal Action excavated and moved to the East Plant Area by Christmas, and have all the impacted soils at the East Plant covered with liner and clean soil before the onset of winter. Winter had arrived a little earlier than GM had hoped. Cheryl explained that the Contractors were having difficulty applying the final clay layer at the East Plant area due to rain and freezing conditions. Cheryl stated that GM was now planning to shut down portions of the work over the winter. GM planned to cover as much of the East Plant Area with clean soil as possible, and place tarps over the remaining areas. There are two small areas Downstream that still require excavation and a portion of the soil stockpile at Bud Ikerd and Peerless Road remains. Cheryl stated that these Downstream areas would be covered and monitored over the winter shutdown. The public may see the Contractors demobilizing some of their large equipment in the near future, but personnel will remain on-site over the winter to perform cover maintenance and stormwater management.

- 11:50** Ed Peterson gave an update on the status of the Removal Action (the stream cleanup) and the Corrective Action (the work occurring on Plant property), including the ongoing work in the East Plant Area.
- Ed stated that GM had accomplished a significant amount of work regarding the cleanup and restoration in 2008, but had not quite completed all of the excavation activities.
 - The "yellow map" was reviewed and it was noted that the removal of impacted materials along the stream channel was almost complete, with two small areas remaining to be excavated. One area is beneath the Contractor's water treatment plant, which is currently being dismantled, and the other area is beneath the soil stockpile at Staging Area G. Ed outlined the areas remaining to be excavated and showed the location of the Staging Area G stockpile that is currently being transported to the East Plant Area. These areas will be excavated when the Contractor returns after the winter shutdown. Ed stated that the work is anticipated to resume in May or June 2009, with the restoration continuing on into 2010.
 - Aerial photographs of the project activities were presented showing creek restoration progress and current restoration activities.
 - Ed showed an aerial photograph of the borrow area and explained that this area is being utilized to provide clean backfill for the creek restoration and the East Plant Cover System.

- Road repair work and maintenance are ongoing as needed. Ed stated that during the winter shutdown truck traffic will be greatly reduced on local roads, but traffic will resume when the project starts back up this spring. Once the excavation in the Downstream area is complete and the soil is all transported to the East Plant Area GM will evaluate the road conditions along Peerless and Breckenridge Road, and repair or repave the roads as necessary.
- GM is continuing to work with the U.S. EPA and IDEM on the components of the East Plant Area Interim Measure and the Spring 018 remedy. Ed stated that it is GM's intent to install a portion of the groundwater trench at the East Plant Area in 2009 to evaluate construction techniques and the effectiveness of the trench. GM has also submitted a plan to intercept a portion of the groundwater at Spring 018 and reroute the clean water around the Spring 018 area. This plan is currently under U.S. EPA review.
- Ed stated the excavation work being performed in front of the Plant as part of the West Plant Interim Measure has been completed and the Contractor is in the process of backfilling the area and covering the area with clean clay. This work is expected to be completed this year, and the area will be restored as a parking lot for Plant use in 2009.
- Ed stated that one of the concerns raised at the recent Public Meetings was the financial status of GM. Ed explained that the costs associated with the cleanup work were evaluated and adjusted each quarter, and that GM had set aside a reserve to cover the projected costs. Ed stated that GM was committed to completing the work. Ed told the Panel that they should assure the public that although the Contractors may demobilize equipment for the winter shutdown, they will return in the spring to complete the work. Mayor Girgis stated she assumed that after the work was completed there would be some long-term maintenance associated with cleanup areas and fill areas. Mayor Girgis asked if GM went bankrupt who would take care of these obligations. Chris Myer stated that the U.S.EPA and IDEM would require the work to be completed on the site, including long-term monitoring and maintenance. Ed explained that once the project was complete GM would establish a financial mechanism, like a bond, to insure the long-term maintenance would be funded. Eace Roberts stated that this was similar to the requirement the County had on its landfill. Cheryl stated that GM would continue to monitor the site, perform regular inspections of the East Plant cover system, and institute any repairs required. In addition, the Plant would have people available to maintain the water treatment into the future.

12:20 Cheryl gave an update on Community Relations

- The last set of Neighborhood and Public Meetings were held on December 10th & 11th. Cheryl stated that the next Meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 2009, but these might be postponed since not much work will be occurring over the winter. Cheryl stated that it might be best to hold the next set of meetings just prior to the resumption of work in the spring/summer.

12:30 The meeting was adjourned.