

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

**RCRA SHOWCASE PILOT
REGION 5**

Pilot Project Name: Chevron Redevelopment Public Involvement

Facility Name: Chevron USA

Location: Hooven, Ohio

EPA ID #: OHD 004 254 132

Description

1. What makes this project innovative? (Does the project speed achievement of Environmental Indicators? Why will the pilot project/cleanup work?)

The early and frequent involvement of individuals, and local and regional organizations in the dialogue of the RCRA Corrective Action process is innovative in terms of the comprehensiveness of the company's efforts in public involvement. Chevron has a Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) that meets 9 months out of the year to participate in decision-making regarding the site and publishes a newsletter for the public which describes the remedial process and decisions (e.g., remedial interim measures and proposed remedial measures.) The public also has an opportunity to get involved in decision-making on redevelopment of the site.

2. What are the benefits of this project (e.g., environmental, community, economic, other)?

The community benefits by having input, at all stages, in the redevelopment choices. The economy benefits with new redevelopment. The environmental cleanup is accomplished with an informed public. Currently, the land use plan it calls for a light industrial park on the old refinery proper, a recreational area/park along the river, with a bike path, some open spaces and some habitat restoration. The land use plan is being revised and will be re-issued.

3. How have you involved stakeholders in developing this project (for example; owner/operator, tribe, state/local agencies, local community, redevelopers, other interested parties)? Where applicable, please indicate the level of support of the owner/operator.

The local municipalities, Cleeves and Hooven, the Township, the Hamilton County Park District, Local Water authorities, along with applicable state and local agencies participate in a CAP meeting 9-10 times a year since 1995. The owner/operator, Chevron, has initiated these meetings assisted by a meeting facilitator. The community groups involved in the CAP meetings include the Citizen Land Conservancy for Hamilton County, Friends of the Great Miami River, and Oxbow, Inc. These groups

have land use, restoration of riparian habitat, and conservation of ecosystems as their goals. The Wildlife Habitat Council is providing technical expertise in Chevron's habitat restoration. The public has been involved in the redevelopment discussions through the CAP.

4. Who are the pilot participants and what is their role (for example; states, tribes, local agencies, other federal agencies, regulated industry, and environmental and community groups)?

All the stakeholders, mentioned above, have a say in the decisions on redevelopment.

5. What is the potential for applying this innovative approach to other sites?

High potential

6. What are the proposed project milestones and associated dates?

Currently the estimated date of the CMS Report is the Fall 2001, with a negotiated CMI to follow.

7. Provide a brief description of the pilot facility, including location and regulatory status if pilot addresses a specific facility.

The facility is a former Petroleum Refinery in Hooven, Ohio, near Cincinnati. The facility is under a 3008(h) Order from 1993. Currently the CMS Workplan is submitted and the CMS Report is due in Fall 2001.

8. How and when will pilot progress be measured and reported?

With regular CAP meeting minutes and the Public Comment and Hearing following the issuance of the Statement of Basis.

9. Who will oversee the pilot (State and/or Region)?

Region 5

10. Who are the key Regional/State contacts responsible for managing the pilot project (name, phone, e-mail, affiliation)?

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