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Jeffersontown/Chenoweth Run – XL Pilot Project Stakeholder Meeting

October 26, 1999 (4:00 – 6:15pm @ Jeffersontown Public Library)

Attendees: See attached sign in list

Summary Notes prepared by Roddy Williams/Sharon Worley

The following is a general summary of key discussion topics. It is not intended that every comment or suggestion is necessarily captured herein.

Introductions (ALL)

Update

Project Status

- EPA has selected MSD's proposal to proceed with an XL project
- Comprehensive collection of mass loading data from the industries, collection system, treatment plant and stream has occurred for 3 quarters now. Data from these sampling efforts will be discussed at the next quarterly meeting.
- MSD (with Strand Associates) has prepared a Background Data report. Executive summaries will be distributed to all on the mailing list. Full reports are available upon request.

Convening Report

The report, prepared by Meridian Institute, was distributed. Key points were noted:

- Ground Rules are important – to be discussed this meeting
- Consensus is important – to be discussed this meeting
- Needs to be Open Process but a defined “core” group is helpful to be discussed this meeting
- Participants should be varied – (invitations were sent to 51 people: 9 representatives from environmental groups, 13 agency representatives, 23 permitted industry representatives, and 6 others)
- Timing of Meetings – quarterly probably ok
- Meeting materials – distribute in advance of the meeting
- Information – needs to be distributed in advance of meetings
- Balanced Process – similar to participants discussion (noted above)
- Public Outreach is needed – Courier Journal article and public meeting
- Neutral facilitation is helpful
- Chairperson may be helpful

- Education – it was generally agreed that a workshop to cover basics of the pretreatment program/regulations and also a tour of the wastewater treatment plant would be helpful.

Role of the Stakeholder

Facilitator

- Jackie Swigart of Jackie Swigart, Inc. has been hired by MSD to facilitate the Stakeholder meetings.

Logistics

- Meetings are to be held quarterly from 4 to 6pm at the Jeffersontown Public Library.
- The next Stakeholder meeting will be held on Tuesday January 25, 2000.

Consensus

A definition of consensus was offered (see attached handout) and discussed. This will be further discussed and clarified at the next meeting.

Ground Rules

Three ground rules were offered:

- Meetings need to be orderly.
- Agendas to be distributed in advance.
- Distribute meeting summaries to interested parties.

Group Definitions

Three groups were generally defined: Stakeholders, Commentors, and Final Project Agreement (FPA) Group. In brief, they are as follows:

- Stakeholder group will be a manageable sized group (maybe less than 20 – 25) of individuals committed to attending meetings and providing constructive input. Exact membership and responsibilities of the Stakeholder group will be discussed and hopefully determined at the next meeting.
- Commentors are other interested individuals who will be kept “in the loop” on information and decisions.
- The FPA Group is a small subset of the other groups who will focus work specifically on detailed language of the FPA. (The FPA Group will meet on November 10 to discuss the draft FPA. If anyone would like to participate in that group, please contact Sharon Worley at 540-6464.)

Final Project Agreement

Brief Overview

Michelle Glenn (GLENN.MICHELLE@EPA.GOV) gave an overview of Project XL. The following, taken from the Project XL website, is a summary of that description: “Project XL, which stands for “eXcellence and Leadership,” is a national pilot program that tests innovative ways of achieving better and more cost-effective public health and environmental protection. Through site-specific agreements with project sponsors, EPA is gathering data and project experience that will help the Agency redesign current approaches to public health and environmental protection. Under Project XL, sponsors --

private facilities, multiple facilities, industry sectors, Federal facilities, communities, and states -- can implement innovative strategies that produce superior environmental performance, provide flexibility, cost savings, paperwork reduction or other benefits to sponsors, and promote greater accountability to stakeholders. Project XL has committed to a scope of fifty pilot projects.”

In June 1998 Federal Register, the request for proposals for XL projects regarding pretreatment programs was published. MSD was one of 6 municipalities to submit a formal proposal (March 1999) – and was just recently selected to proceed as an XL Project.

MSD has chosen to phase the Final Project Agreement (FPA) approach. A Phase 1 draft FPA was distributed at the meeting. This phase contains mostly administrative language; no requests for regulatory flexibility are included in this phase. An FPA is not a legally binding document. Comments on the Phase 1 draft FPA should be submitted to Sharon Worley by November 23, 1999. Appropriate revisions will be made and the revised draft will be made available for public comment by a Federal Register notice, hopefully in December.

The Phase 2 FPA will include all of Phase 1 language plus the requested regulatory flexibility and superior environmental performance commitment will be defined.

Wrap Up

Reviewed decisions:

- Stakeholder meetings to be conducted in orderly manner on quarterly basis, same time/location.
- Topics for discussion should generally be decided at end of each meeting. (Topics suggested for next meeting are Consensus Definition, Group Definitions and Membership, and Background Data Report.)
- Draft agenda to be distributed prior to meeting.
- Meeting minutes to be distributed shortly in draft form after meetings. Suggested revisions to be given by date certain. Then minutes to be approved at the start of each meeting.
- Stakeholder roles and list and consensus definition to be clarified next meeting.