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CARTER CARBURETOR ROUNDTABLE NOTES

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club

2901 N. Grand

St. Louis, Missouri

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Attendees: Residents, Stakeholders, Job Training Graduates, Community Groups, federal, state and local representatives

Roundtable Agenda

- Introductions
- Roundtable Concept (facilitator)
- Roles of Roundtable Participants
- Carter Carburetor Site Update and Progress
- Questions and Answers

The Roundtable discussion began with introductions of all participants and the group or organization that they represented. The discussion continued with a discussion about the roundtable concept by the facilitator and a site update by the project manager. The discussion quickly moved into a question and answer format from participants about the site progress and the status of the site.

Roundtable participants were able to express long-term concerns and frustrations with the site progress and the intent of certain participants. The community members nearest the site were frustrated with the fact that the building had not already been demolished. Others were concerned about future possibilities for the site, who was responsible for the contamination, need for jobs in the community and if there was a possibility for jobs as the clean up progressed, overall distrust of EPA's process and a perception that the community had not had enough participation in the process.

General Concerns from Participants

- Need to move process forward
- Timeline for addressing the cleanup (why so long?)
- Want building down (against saving anything contaminated)
- Need for teamwork in the community (work as a team)
- Need to keep line of communication open between community group leaders so that everyone receives information at the same time (especially residents nearest the site)
- Need for community groups to get information out better to your own community contacts
- Suggested EPA communication methods: web page, newsletter, roundtable

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EPA Update

- In 1997 EPA conducted a Time Critical Removal (urgent)
- EPA removed over 6,000 pounds of contaminated material
- EPA is currently in a Non-Time Critical Removal to clean up the remainder of the property.
- EPA is working with the St. Louis Police Department regarding getting the site fenced and boarded up.
- Since the contamination is inside the building a fence is enough at this time to keep people out of the building.
- Insitu treatability studies are being done to ensure safety of this process to eradicate contaminants.
- The PRP is working on something related to a pilot of Insitu process...they are reconsidering using Insitu Thermal Desorption based on the pilot and the cost.
- If Insitu doesn't work, we will dig and haul contaminants out from the site.
- EPA has to set benchmarks. If it's cheaper to dig and haul contaminants from the site, we will do it.
- Off-site sampling conducted in May 2011 revealed that there was no contamination from the site within a one-block radius on all sides of the building.
- The Carter building has contamination and is dangerous...it has to be cleaned up.

Job Concerns from Participants

- Need to consider minority contractors to help clean up site
- Are there job possibilities

Cleanup Concerns from Participants

- If soil is tested and soil is not clean...can we trust answer?
- Will contamination be left in place? (don't need a cover up, need clean up)
- Rainwater from the building, holes in the ceiling, need better security.
- Need education process for youth at the Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club
- During air monitoring, have you found asbestos contamination?
- How many asbestos fibers are coming off building?
- Community needs a list of contaminants in the building and how they can be eradicated.

Requests from Participants

- **Need overview of how contaminants move through the environment.**
- **How do contaminants impact people (grownups)**
- **Need materials about the Carter Carburetor Site**

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Questions from Participants

- **Question:** Is it O.K. to park near the building
Answer: EPA has sampled and it is O.K.
- **Question:** What about the Boys and Girls Club
Answer: EPA sampled at Boys and Girls Club and it is safe
- **Question:** What are major legal problems?
Answer: EPA cannot comment on legal process at this time.
- **Question:** Who is paying for action items up to this point?
Answer: ACF Industries
- **Question:** What is ACF's Interest?
Answer: ACF is the principle responsible party for the contamination (PRP) and they are liable for the cleanup.
- **Question:** Is it O.K. to grow a garden a block away from the site?
Answer: As far as EPA knows, it is O.K.
- **Question:** Is it safe to play or go in the building?
Answer: No, the building is contaminated, security of the site is important.
- **Question:** Where are you in the phase of the cleanup
Answer: EPA can tell you the cleanup schedule when it is implemented, however, EPA cannot tell you how long the legal process will take.
- **Question:** When will results of the last vapor samples be available?
Answer: EPA has them; however, they won't be available until the next meeting on January 10, 2012.

Other Participant Discussions

- Locations to hold future Roundtable Discussions

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- EPA will continue to engage the Carter Carburetor stakeholders and residents through the cleanup process
- EPA is available for questions
- EPA is in regular contact with the residents
- EPA is in regular contact with stakeholder groups
- If we don't know answers, we will get them
- We look forward to our next discussion on January 10, 2012