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CARTER CARBURETOR ROUNDTABLE NOTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club

2901 North Grand Avenue

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Roundtable Agenda

- Introductions
- Scheduled next two Roundtables for February 21 and March 13, 2012
- EPA provided an update on status of site cleanup (no health concerns from latest vapor intrusion sampling).
 - Q: What company did the cleanup? (A: ACF)
- At this point the discussion continued into further questions about the status of the cleanup process.
 - Q: Where are we with the true cleanup? (A: We are still negotiating with the PRPs; we are trying to reach an agreement with them). We can't give you the details because information is enforcement sensitive. If we don't reach an agreement, it could go to court)
 - Q: Are the minutes from each meeting available for residents? (A: We take notes and try to respond to action items from each meeting.
 - Q: Why aren't there any residents participating in the negotiations? (A: EPA doesn't allow residents to participate in the negotiations process)
 - Q: Is it in writing? (A: Yes)

General Topics

- Lack of trust in EPA
- Cleanup of contamination in place vs. dig and haul
- InSitu Thermal Desorption (ISTD)
- Cleanup taking too long (where are we with the true cleanup?)
- Negotiation process and why community is not part of the negotiation
- Request legal representative to present legal process to roundtable participants
- Need minority contractors to help clean up site (need for certain skill sets)
- Groundwater issues
- Request for EPA Technical Assistance or TASC Services

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Carter Questions and Comments from January Roundtable

- **Request factsheet on the status of the Carter Carburetor Site**

Information on the status of the Carter Carburetor Site is being shared at the February 21 Roundtable

Request information on In-Situ Thermal Desorption Process (ISTD) vs. Dig and Haul

Information on the In-Situ process is being shared at the February 21, 2012 Roundtable

- **Why is the concrete and contamination going to stay if there is a removal?**

EPA does not have authority to request others to remove materials that do not present a threat to human health and the environment.

- **Would like the legal representative to discuss the negotiation process**

An EPA legal representative will discuss EPA's legal process at the February 21 Roundtable

- **How long will the agreement take? Can we get an estimate?**

EPA can not estimate how long the negotiation process will take. Negotiations are currently on-going which prevents discussion about the process because details of negotiations are enforcement sensitive and cannot be released to the public.

- **Which company did the cleanup? (Time Critical Removal) – 1996 - 1998**

ACF, Industries conducted the clean up under an order from EPA.

- **Request notes from each meeting**

Notes are being provided at the February 21 Roundtable

- **Why aren't residents participating in the negotiation process?**

The EPA negotiation process is not open to the public as this process involves potentially responsible parties and is enforcement sensitive or private by law.

- **Residents should be able to read or have access to all information on the superfund site. Information on the Carter Carburetor Site is located in the following local repositories:**

Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club, 2901 N. Grand, Avenue, contact: Flint Fowler
 St. Louis Public Library, Divoll Branch, 4234 N. Grand Avenue
 EPA Website: http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/carter_carburetor//index.htm
 Belinda Young, Community Involvement Coordinator, young.belinda@epa.gov
 Pamela Johnson, Environmental Justice, pamelak.johnson@epa.gov
 Telephone: 1-800-223-0425

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Do you have tapes of previous meetings?

Documented information (transcript) of the official Oct.4, 2010 meeting to announce EPA's recommended alternatives for the site is in the information repositories.

- **Who is responsible?**

ACF, Industries is a potentially responsible party because they ran a carburetor operation at the site in the past. ACF is a participant at this Roundtable

CBI is a potentially responsible party because they own the building. CBI is also a participant at the Roundtable

LRA owns a small portion of the property around the building (where the die cast buildings were located). However, EPA does not consider LRA to be a potentially responsible party at this time.

- **Will there be discussions about what we do with the site after it is clean?**

EPA's involvement at the Carter Carburetor Site is to ensure that the site is cleaned up and protective of human health and the environment. The owners of the property decide what to do with the property afterwards.

EPA will not hinder discussions about future use of the site at the Roundtable.

- **What about getting the building boarded up?**

EPA partnered with the local police department to ensure the building was boarded up on February 2, 2012; no one was in the building.

- **Does LRA own the property?**

LRA owns the portion of the property where the die cast buildings were located.

- **Why hasn't the local government declared the property as eminent domain?**

This is a question that should be asked of the local authority.

- **Why was the fence needed; and, did EPA get a permit to put up the fence?**

The fence was placed around the building because there was evidence that trespassers were going in and out of the building; therefore, EPA needed to be protective of human health and worked with ACF, Industries to get the fence up. EPA obtained permission from the city of St. Louis to erect the fence in its current location.

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- **Minority contractors need jobs**

The need for minority contractors at the site has been discussed at the Roundtable. Potentially responsible parties are responsible for hiring contractors to conduct the cleanup.

A representative from St. Louis Community College shared information with roundtable participants about the job training program at their facility.