## GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES MEETING NO. 36

DATE: December 11, 2009
TIME: 11:00 A.M. EST
LOCATION: CRA Field Trailer
RECORDED BY: Katie Kamm

**ATTENDEES:** Janie Craig Chenault – Lawrence County Resident

David Favero - Management Liquidation Company (guest)

Peter Ramanauskas – United States Environmental Protection Agency Chris Myer – Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Mel Rile – City of Bedford (guest) Dan Kirk – City of Bedford (guest) Ron Orman – Williams Realtors (guest) Cedar Orman – Williams Realtors

David Holmes - Lawrence County Highway Department

Thomas Brent – Bedford Resident Jeff Hummel – General Motors Tim Rienks – General Motors Cheryl Hiatt – General Motors Ed Peterson – General Motors

Jim McGuigan – Conestoga-Rovers & Associates Katie Kamm – Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (guest)

**ABSENT:** The following members were invited but could not attend:

Robert Dailey - Bedford Resident

David Flinn - County Road Commissioner Shawna M. Girgis - Mayor, City of Bedford

Bob Hamilton – Bedford Resident Carl Holmberg – General Motors

Rod Smith - Bedford Planning, Zoning, and Building Marla Jones - Bedford Economic Growth Council

Eric Gonzales - General Motors Chris May - County Commissioner

Paul McBride - Lawrence County Health Department

Gene McCracken - Lawrence County Economic Growth Council

Dave NaKarado – Evergreen GMAC Realtors Eace Roberts – Bedford Regional Medical Center Bill Spreen – Lawrence County Commissioner

Scott Johanson - Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Brad Stimple - U.S. EPA

Jerry O'Callaghan - Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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- **11:25** Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt of General Motors.
- 11:25 Cheryl welcomed everyone to the 36<sup>th</sup> CLP meeting and thanked everyone for attending during the busy holiday season.

Cheryl briefly reviewed the agenda and noted that limited work has been done as GM's focus in recent months has been dealing with the reorganization. All are looking forward to getting back to work.

Ron and Cedar Orman of Carpenter Realtors were introduced to the CLP. The Ormans are handling the sale of properties owned by Motors Liquidation Company (MLC) on behalf of MLC.

Cheryl inquired if there were any new member nominations and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. No new members were nominated. Cheryl stated that members were welcome to suggest potential new members to Cheryl or Katie Kamm (CRA). Cheryl noted that the new plant manager has been added to the invite list and may participate in the future once he gets settled into his new role.

Cheryl asked if there was any old business to report. No old business was raised.

11:30 Ed Peterson reminded everyone that General Motors Corporation filed for bankruptcy on June 1, 2009. A new company, General Motors Company, was formed from assets purchased from the old General Motors Corporation on July 10, 2009. These assets were purchased by the U.S. government, the Canadian government, and the United Auto Workers. General Motors Company later changed its name to General Motors LLC (GM LLC). The old General Motors Corporation has also changed its name to Motors Liquidation Company or MLC.

The Bedford plant property and some properties adjacent to the plant are part of the assets of the new GM LLC. The remaining old GM properties are owned by MLC. MLC's project representative, Dave Favero, was at the meeting to answer questions related to MLC-owned properties. GM LLC will continue the Bedford remediation project in cooperation with MLC.

- **11:35** Ed gave an update on the CERCLA Removal Action.
  - Most of the impacted creek sediments and floodplain soils along Bailey's Branch and Pleasant Run have been remediated and a significant portion of the creek has been restored.
  - GM LLC continues to control impacted springs and seeps along the creek channel. GM LLC has been able to reduce the number of springs requiring monitoring.
  - GM LLC continues to be responsible for cleanup on GM LLC owned property and private third party properties, while MLC will be responsible for the cleanup on MLC-owned properties. GM LLC and MLC have been working through an agreement to coordinate the remaining creek removal action with work at the East Plant.
  - Ed noted that the previous schedule for creek work will not be met because of the
    issues related to the bankruptcy and working through an agreement with MLC.
    Some creek soil removal work will be completed this winter with the remaining
    creek soil removal work expected to resume in spring 2010.
  - Creek restoration activities will continue into 2011.

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**11:40** Ed identified the various work areas including Area G, East Plant, Parcel 400, and Spring 18 area.

Ed noted that the staging pile at Bud Ikerd and Peerless Roads on MLC property represents a majority of the remaining soil removal. GM LLC and MLC are discussing options regarding how to complete the remediation in this area most efficiently. It is possible that GM LLC will provide the necessary contractors to complete the cleanup. This would be done under a contract agreement between GM LLC and MLC.

Ed then reviewed the removal action status with the CLP by going through the shaded map, which details the various stages of cleanup on the creek. Ed identified that the green areas shown on the map indicate the cleanup criteria have been met, verified and the area has been restored. Creek sections shaded in red identify areas where the cleanup criteria has been met and verified, but the area is either in the process of being restored or has not yet been restored. Yellow areas are areas where cleanup has not yet occurred.

Three areas remain to be further evaluated and/or remediated. These include:

- The area beneath the soil staging pile at Area G.
- A small area on a privately owned property.
- One additional area slightly exceeded criteria for one sample at depth. Additional evaluation of this area will be completed.
- 11:42 Ed showed slides of the areas on the creek where restoration has been completed and where habitat is recovering after the cleanup and restoration.

Ed noted the ponded water that had previously been present in the cleaned area, west of the Peerless Road bridge at Bud Ikerd Road, had drained due to small section of the diversion channel berm that had washed out. Ed noted that several residents that attended the public meetings expressed an interest in keeping the area as a pond or lake. Several CLP members echoed the interest.

Ed said there will still be some degree of wetland mitigation in the area, but it was unlikely that the trail system that had been previously discussed would be implemented, as this property does not belong to GM LLC (it belongs to MLC).

11:48 Ed pointed out the truck traffic routes. There will be a short period of increased truck traffic yet in 2009 and possibly into 2010. There also will be an increase starting in Spring 2010 when the balance of the excavation work is expected to be completed and restoration work resumes. This increase will probably continue through the rest of the year.

GM LLC will continue to repair pavement damage caused by the project trucking activities.

GM LLC intends to inspect Peerless and Breckenridge Roads following the completion of trucking work to determine the need to resurface or repair the roads.

CRA continues to monitor the safety of the trucking activities. Any issues raised by residents can be directed to Katie Kamm.

- **11:50** Ed gave an update on the RCRA Corrective Action.
  - GM LLC continues to implement the Interim Measures for the East Plant Area (Plant property east of GM Drive). The work has been delayed as a result of the

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bankruptcy and negotiations with MLC. Where possible, work has resumed.

- Current work activities on the Plant property involve moving material from an area on the north side of the property to the area across from the field trailer to complete the grading in this area.
- In several areas of the East Plant, soils are currently covered by temporary tarps. The black sheeting is a temporary liner used to help reduce soil erosion. This durable material is used in areas where impacted material has not been covered by permanent liner. A sample of this material was distributed to the CLP.
- Blue tarps will be placed over areas where the permanent liner is in place, to minimize any further erosion of the cover soils.

GM LLC will continue to re-use low level PCB soils from the creek remediaton work to shape the East Plant Area prior to placing the clean cover system. The landfill vault cap work is nearly complete, with the balance of the work to be completed in conjunction with the East Plant cover system.

GM LLC will continue to perform groundwater testing. This testing will continue once access to some of the properties is worked out with MLC. Ed noted that the perimeter groundwater collection trench around the downgradient side of the East Plant Area is expected to be installed in 2011/2012.

The AOI 8 oil collection system will require additional testing in order to finalize the design. This testing is projected to occur in 2010.

The West Plant removal work has been completed. A combination of asphalt cover and soil/plastic cover system is scheduled to be placed over the area. This cap will meet requirements similar to those of the approved East Plant Area cap.

There is an area just west of the plant where primarily low PCB levels were detected in fill soil. Third parties, including MLC, own the area. GM LLC and the agencies will work together to develop a remedy appropriate for the property use.

12:00 Ed identified upcoming activities for the balance of 2009. Activities included excavating soil from the creek floodplain east of the Peerless Road bridge and transporting the material to the East Plant.

Upcoming activities for work beginning spring of 2010, include excavating the balance of soil from west of the Peerless Road bridge area and transporting the soil to the East Plant; continuing to work on the East Plant Area cover system (with substantial completion in 2010); continuing RFI groundwater monitoring, and road repairs (as needed).

- **12:03** Cheryl gave an update on Community Relations Activities
  - The last set of Neighborhood and Public Meetings were held on December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl stated that the next Public and CLP meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 2010.
  - Cheryl reviewed contact numbers for project personnel and pointed out locations where the community can obtain project information. Due to a reduction in the number of GM LLC communications personnel and the status of the offsite removal, which is almost complete, the project team will no longer include an official GM communications person and site communications should now be routed through Katie Kamm.

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**12:05** Dave Favero gave an update on the plans for MLC-owned properties. Dave noted that MLC is still in bankruptcy, but is working on a reorganization plan.

Dave noted that Ron and Cedar Orman are real estate agents handling the sale of MLC-owned properties. Most MLC properties are currently on the market. Certain properties where there were environmental issues will not be put on the market until MLC can conduct a review of information related to the cleanup completed on the properties.

Cedar Orman noted that there are 53 properties up for sale. Of these properties, 13 are apartments. To date, there have been 7 offers. MLC is in the process of closing on two properties.

**12:10** The meeting was adjourned.

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