## GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES MEETING NO. 4

**DATE:** December 13, 2002 **TIME:** 11:00 A.M. EST

**LOCATION:** GM Powertrain Bedford Plant

**RECORDED BY**: Lisa Meoli

**ATTENDEES:** Kathy Bommarito - General Motors

Adele Bowman-Purlee - Bedford Chamber of Commerce

Thomas Brent - Bedford Resident and Environmental Professional

Hak Cho - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Paul Ford - General Motors

Stanley Glenn - City Council Member

Matt Groves - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

John Gunter - Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors

Tammie Jean - County Assessors Office

Peter Ramanauskas - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Larry Smith - Bedford Resident

Bill Steinmann - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian

Jim McGuigan - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates Lisa Meoli - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

Ken Vander Meulen - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

Jeff Nichols - Conestoga - Rovers & Associates

Ed Peterson - General Motors John Williams - City of Bedford

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

Janie Craig Chenault - County Commissioner

Karla Fortner – Bedford Resident Bob Hamilton - Hamilton Real Estate

Mike Hilfinger - General Motors Real Estate

Rodney Reynolds - First Pentecostal Church of God John Thomas - GM Powertrain Bedford Plant Manager

Robbin Ricketts - Bedford Regional Medical Center Representative

- 11:15 Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt
  - Cheryl Hiatt provided the purpose and agenda for the meeting.
- Cheryl Hiatt presented the Old Business from the 11/01/02 meeting.
  - The Panel approved the draft Meeting Minutes from the last meeting.

Larry Smith indicated that his name had not been included in the draft minutes. Lisa Meoli made note of the change. Final Meeting Minutes will be distributed via email and will be placed in the public repositories and on the website.

- Cheryl Hiatt asked if there were any new nominations of new members.
  Cheryl indicated that the Panel members should contact her if they would like to nominate anyone. No new members have been nominated to date.
- The next CLP meeting was proposed for January 10, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. This time and date was approved by the Panel members.

## 11:25 – Cheryl Hiatt opened the discussion on New Business.

- Adele Bowman-Purlee indicated that since the press release and publishing the CLP member names that an affected property owner had corresponded with her regarding her property, 'Parcel 22'. responded to the affected property owner via email and told her she would pass along her letter to GM and if she had concerns/issues she wanted the CLP and GM to discuss at the next meeting on December 13th that she should notify her. The affected property owner had not responded to this email as of the December 13th meeting. Adele asked GM how they would like to respond. Cheryl Hiatt indicated that because the affected property owner is represented by counsel, correspondence with the affected property owner by GM would need to be handled accordingly through counsel. Larry Smith also indicated that he received a telephone call from the affected property owner regarding her property. Ed Peterson made the CLP aware that both GM and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) had been in contact with the affected property owner on numerous occasions and extensive sampling had been performed on her property. Ed Peterson provided the CLP with background about the property and mentioned that one of the first work plans for the Interim Measures (IM) submitted to the U.S EPA was for the affected property. Peter Ramanauskas indicated that comments should be back on the work plan within the next few weeks. Peter Ramanauskas also indicated that the U.S. EPA had collected wipe and dust samples from the interior of the affected property owner's house and indicated that the results did not exceed the risk criteria or what was found in an ATSDR study for interior dust of homes not near any known PCB sources.
- Stanley Glenn indicated that a resident had contacted him regarding a spring that was noticeable when the on-site pond was cleaned out years ago. Cheryl indicated that she wasn't aware of this and if he could give us more information that would be useful. Cheryl asked Stanley Glenn to ask the resident for permission to give his or her name and contact information so this can be discussed appropriately.
- Tammie Jean indicated that taxpayers were contacting her asking what type of relief they would be getting for property value losses due to PCB contamination. Tammie and Judy (County Assessor) asked whether GM thought there would be an influence on property value. Ed Peterson

indicated that for those properties along the creek or contiguous to the creek were protected under the GM property protection plans. Kathy Bommarito indicated this issue was something that would need to be discussed further with the GM Team. Tammie and Kathy agreed at this time that no change would be made, but that Tammie would continue to research the issue.

- Stanley Glenn indicated that he lives down the street from a property recently sold to GM. Stanley asked who would be taking care of cutting grass and general maintenance. Cheryl Hiatt and Jim McGuigan indicated the Mike Hilfinger has been working with a property management company that is responsible for taking care of the properties purchased by GM. Stanley asked if the heat would be left on. Jim indicated that yes, the heat would be left on.
- Adele asked how the public meeting went on Thursday, December 12, 2002. Ed Peterson indicated that it went well and many good questions were asked. Ed went over a few questions asked at the meeting. Cheryl indicated that between 50 to 60 people attended.
- Peter Ramanauskas asked if a meeting with the Board of Realtors had been held yet. Cheryl Hiatt indicated that Bob Hamilton had suggested that GM wait until U.S. EPA has approved the work plan and that the meeting would be scheduled for early next year. Cheryl indicated that GM is still waiting for comments from IDEM and from U.S. EPA. Both John Gunter (IDEM) and Peter (U.S. EPA) indicated comments would be back within the next couple of weeks.
- 11:45 Jim McGuigan presented an overview of the status of the off-site and on-site investigation (slide presented).
  - Discussed evaluation of sampling request on a case-by-case basis.
  - Jim discussed the status of the on-site investigation. GM has proposed angle well drilling to define the oil in the bedrock along the east side of the plant.
  - Jim discussed the oil seep and the planned installation of a more permanent collection system.
  - Jim discussed the information sessions on North Jackson, South, East and West of the plant.
- 11:50 Ed presented an overview of Interim Measures.
  - Ed Peterson further discussed the temporary measure to contain the seep area with sandbags and a plastic pipe collection system, pending the ability to install a permanent collection system.
  - Ed discussed how residual hydraulic oil had leaked historically into the bedrock and in May 2002 during the substantial rain event, enough water pressure in the cracks was created to push a small amount of the oil out through a seep in the bedrock in the creek channel. Cheryl indicated that GM would install a collection system into the rock around the spring that

essentially pumps the oil into a container system.

- Photos were shown of the seep in the creek just downstream from the GM Outfall.
- **12:00** Bill Steinmann gave a presentation on Overview of Groundwater Issues.
  - Bill Steinmann discussed the geology/hydrogeology of the area, on-site sampling activities, off-site well survey and sampling, and current status of the investigation in the presentation.
  - Ed Peterson added some discussion on the current status of the groundwater contamination investigation.
- **12:35** Cheryl Hiatt opened discussion for general question and answers.
  - John Williams asked if other cracks with oil were located other than the seep in the creek channel. Ed indicated that no other seeps had been observed. Bill Steinmann indicated that many cracks exist but not many were open or connected.
  - John Williams asked if it was possible to drill from the plant to the previously mentioned affected property owner. Cheryl Hiatt indicated that the distance was too far.
  - Adele asked if the inside of the affected property owner's house was contaminated. Peter Ramanauskas indicated that the dust samples collected from the inside of the house were 1 part per million and that according to the Super Fund Risk Assessor, this is an acceptable level.
- 12:40 Cheryl presented an overview of the proposed agenda for the next CLP meeting.
  - Meeting minutes will be emailed to members and approved at the next meeting.
  - Cheryl Hiatt started wrapping up the meeting and indicated that a draft agenda would be distributed prior to the next meeting. Cheryl asked if there were any final issues to address.
- **12:45** Meeting ended.