GM POWERTRAIN BEDFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION COMMUNITY LIAISON PANEL (CLP) MEETING MINUTES MEETING NO. 15

DATE: October 29, 2004 **TIME:** 11:00 A.M. EST

LOCATION: GM Powertrain Bedford Plant

RECORDED BY: Mary Kelly

ATTENDEES: Becki Akers – General Motors

Adele Bowden-Purlee - Bedford Chamber of Commerce

Melva Cooper - Bedford Resident

Janie Craig Chenault - County Commissioner

Cheryl Hiatt - General Motors

Mike Hilfinger - General Motors Real Estate

Joe Klumpp - Mayor, City of Bedford

John Lancaster - GM Bedford Powertrain Plant Manager

Paul McBride - County Health Sanitarian

Jim McGuigan – Conestoga-Rovers & Associates Cedar Orman – Hamilton & Associates Real Estate

Ed Peterson – General Motors Larry Smith – Bedford Resident

John Gunter - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (guest)

Mary Kelly - Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (guest)

Clayton G. Koher - Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (guest)

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

Tom Brent – Bedford Resident Kim Dobosenski – General Motors

Paul Ford – General Motors Stanley Glenn – Bedford Resident

Bob Hamilton - Hamilton & Associates Real Estate

Tammie Jean - County Assessors Office

Bridgid Thomas - Bedford Regional Medical Center

Rick Wallace - Dunn Memorial Hospital John Williams - Bedford Resident

11:25 Meeting called to order by Cheryl Hiatt.

11:30 Cheryl presented Old Business from the August 6, 2004 meeting.

- Cheryl inquired if there were any new member nominations. The Panel had no new nominations.
- The Panel offered no comments on the draft Meeting Minutes from the last meeting, and therefore the Minutes were approved as submitted. Final Meeting Minutes will be distributed via email and will be placed in the public repositories and on the website.
- A discussion was held regarding the public's perception of GM's work with regards

to the cleanup involved members of the Panel.

- Larry Smith commented that people are surprised with the quality of work that GM is doing;
- Janie Craig-Chenault commented that the efforts GM is making, including those that are high profile like the donation of the duplexes, is making a good impression;
- Cedar Orman commented that she has heard no bad comments;
- Cheryl Hiatt explained how we just had a luncheon with the contractor, Sevenson, to explain the project in its entirety;
- Janie Craig-Chenault commented that the road issues of late went away quickly because of GM's quick response. Becki Akers commented that she is referring questions regarding roads near the subcontractor's quarry to that company.
- Concerns regarding trucking, speeds, and load limits were brought up. The Panel was informed that if they see a truck speeding (or any other dangerous-related operations) that they should report the license plate number to GM or Site personnel. Ed Peterson commented that we are trying to find local sources and new disposal options in an effort to reduce the number of trucks on the road. Jim McGuigan also explained that local school boards and school bus companies had been contacted in an effort to avoid trucking on routes and times of school bus travel. A request was made for the names of the trucking firms being used by the Site.
- Cheryl reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
- It was suggested that the Panel meetings be moved to coincide with the quarterly public information sessions. The Panel agreed and the next CLP meeting was proposed for January 2005. The Panel members will be informed of the upcoming meeting once an agreeable date can be reached. The January 2005 meeting will be held at the GM Powertrain Bedford Plant from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Ed Peterson discussed the status of the RCRA Correction Action Program. A brief overview was given on the status of the on-site investigation.
 - Ed explained the status of the investigative work that had occurred and was ongoing.
 - Investigative work conducted using test pits and borings, as part of the RFI Work Plan: Addendum No. 4, has been completed in areas of suspected or known fill material.
 - The dye trace study, conducted as part of the RFI Work Plan: Addendum No. 5 was performed in September 2004.
 - A mini-dye trace investigation of two swallets discovered in the creek was completed in July 2004 as part of RFI Work Plan: Addendum No. 6. These swallets are currently being broken up with a hoe ram. These locations will be grouted and closed.
 - Additional borings are being advanced on Plant property as part of RFI Work Plan: Addendum No. 7. This work is expected to be completed in early November 2004.

- Additional dye trace activity is being a proposed on-Site in RFI Work Plan: Addendum No. 8. Noel Krothe (University of Indiana) and Bill Steinmann (CRA) are currently developing this Work Plan.
- Ed discussed the Interim Measures. The creek cleanup is essentially an IM. Cleanup of small areas along the Northern tributary and the Unnamed Western Tributary are anticipated to be conducted in the fall 2004. A work Plan for the East Plant Area IM, which will involve capping the historical on-Site landfill, is currently being developed.
- The Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA), which uses a model to determine what animals are representative of broader groups of animals, is being developed. The ERA for the Site will look at five animals: Red-tailed hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Mink, Shrew, and Mouse.
- Ed Peterson spoke about the elements and status of the removal work, which included the status of the work plans (Upstream Removal Action Work Plan, the Parcel 22 Removal Action Work Plan, the Site Source Control (SSC) Work Plan, and the Downstream Removal Action Work Plan), the spring and seep control measures being installed, the removal work, the wetlands, the Indiana Bat evaluation, and the archeological assessment.
 - Seep and spring controls have been installed east of the historical Outfall 002 and on the north side of the property. Additional seeps and springs have been encountered through excavation and SSC structures are being designed and installed as needed.
 - Residents are still being advised to avoid any of the areas that require cleanup. Cleanup in the upstream section is progressing to meeting at the confluence of Bailey's Branch and the unnamed tributary along the north side of the property.
 - Restoration is progressing in areas where cleanup criteria have been met. Large
 quarry blocks called "roughbacks" are being placed during restoration along with
 gravel, rip rap, backfill, and clay prior to seeding. These materials are required to
 maintain the stability of the channel during high flow events. The cleanup and
 restoration of the property at GM Drive and Breckenridge Road (Parcel 401) is
 complete.
 - Ed talked about the status of the cleanup of the historical quarries located along the creek, east of Bailey Scales Road.
 - The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) submitted a letter to the U.S. EPA in September 2004 which indicated that the Removal Action should not adversely affect the Indiana bat and that tree cutting could continue during non roosting times of year.
 - GM has retained the services of the environmental remediation specialist, ENTACT, for Removal Action in the downstream section. ENTACT and Sevenson will be working simultaneously in different areas of the cleanup for some period of time.
 - Ed explained that all access agreements have been signed except for one property at the far end of the cleanup area. Tree removal has been mostly completed downstream to almost to the Peerless Road Bridge.
 - Tree cutting for the remaining downstream section that was not cleared prior to the April 15 cut-off date (due to the Indiana bat roosting period) will be cleared during

this Winter.

- **12:10** Becki Akers discussed the property issues and community relations activities.
 - The latest Community Meetings were held on October 27 and 28, 2004. The meetings involved several booths with members of the U.S. EPA, IDEM, ATSDR, and ISDH participating. Booths for both the RCRA on-Site cleanup and the CERCLA off-Site cleanup were on display. GM also had a property/real estate and community relations booth. There was a good turn out for both evenings with many new faces.
 - Some residents have not received their blood test results yet and Becki is looking into the reason for the lapse.
 - There is a concern that the properties donated to Charity Chapel may revert to GM if the chapel cannot maintain the properties.
 - During the last Public Meeting local residents voiced a concern about Bedford Recyclers. Mayor Joe Klumpp informed the Panel that IDEM/U.S. EPA had been out to conduct a site evaluation yesterday. Follow-up information was requested for the Panel for the next meeting.
- 12:30 The CLP members were invited out for a Site Tour of the work activities via a bus.
- 1:00 The meeting was adjourned.