



# Community Advisory Council

## April 27, 2006 Meeting Minutes

### Members Present

Rachael Belz  
Kim Brough  
Carol Bullock-Carpenter  
Bill Ford  
Barb Griffen  
Chief Kevin Kaiser  
Margie Lehrter  
Dave Lehrter  
Melanie Lennon  
Keith Mesch  
Sandy Schoenberger

### Guests Present

Mike Rouse (Rohm and Haas)

### Facilitator

Bethany Dale

The meeting was held in the second floor conference room at the Rohm and Haas plant. Members had dinner and Bethany reviewed the agenda. Introductions followed.

### Plant Update (Keith Mesch)

#### Safety

- No OSHA recordable injuries or first-aid injuries since the January meeting.
- On April 7 and again on April 8 - a pop off valve on the sprinkler system disengaged resulting in flow. The Reading Fire Dept. responded but the valve was re-engaged by the time they arrived.
- On April 11, an unknown person carrying a large pack was seen on our surveillance cameras near the rail siding. The attentive guard called the Reading Police Dept., but the person was gone by the time they got there. However, the individual left the pack behind. The pack contained a computer and related equipment, which was suspected to be stolen from a nearby home or business.

#### Environmental

##### Sewer and Wastewater

- No permit exceedances or reportable releases.

##### Air

- No permit exceedances or reportable releases.

## RCRA Site Investigation

- Plant had a meeting with its consulting firm to finalize plans for use of ground water from the French drain system.

## Odor Complaints

- Plant has received 3 odor complaint since the March CAC meeting. The wind was from the Northeast during all three complaints.
  1. April 15 – rotten egg odor. Shift supervisor smelled the odor in the parking lot after the complaint came in and he had the odor scrubber solution changed out.
  2. April 17 – rotten egg odor. Shift supervisor did not smell the odor, but had the scrubber solution changed out.
  3. April 18 – rotten egg odor. Shift supervisor did not smell the odor, but had the scrubber solution changed out.
- Melanie Lennon announced that she will be taking over Curt Lambert's role of investigating odor complaints. She has experience in this area, as she investigated odors for 3 ½ years for Hamilton County. Her office number is 733-2176 and her cell number is 266-8022. She said to call the plant anytime an odor is suspected to be coming from Rohm and Haas. (Christopher Hague will replace Curt. His start date is June 8 so you will probably meet him at a future CAC meeting.)
- Barb Griffen said she recently smelled odors coming from Cincinnati Drum.
- Plant project to recycle the odiferous wastewater is the topic of tonight's meeting.

## Early Truck Arrivals

- Since the last meeting, there were 2 early trucks before 6:30 a.m. (Trucks are admitted after 6:30 a.m.) Both trucks were first time offenders and left the plant when asked to do so.
  1. April 6 at 4:30 a.m.
  2. April 12 at 6:00 a.m.
- Six additional trucks arrived between 6:30 – 7:00 a.m. and were admitted to the plant.

## Methyl Chloride (MeCl) Emissions Reduction

- Recovery efficiencies continue at 98-99%.
- Draft permit has been submitted to Ohio EPA. Ohio EPA issued the permit for a 30-day public comment period, which is now over. The permit has substantially more conditions and the emission limitations are much more stringent. For example boiler limits are being set to Ohio's "best available technology" rules.

Q: On Easter weekend, we heard yelling over the plant intercom system around 3:45 a.m. It was loud enough to wake us up. Is there something wrong with the system?

A: No. We are doing some work to the emergency paging system, but that is an entirely different system. The night crew is supposed to use radios for communication with one another, not the intercom system. Keith said he will research what happened.

## Community Relations

- Four employee volunteers completed Junior Achievement at Reading Hilltop and

Central Elementary Schools.

- Three employees participated in Clean-up Reading Day. In addition, the plant donated \$250 to the campaign and provided labels for recycle bins.
- Plant donated \$1,000 to the Camp Invention Program at Central Elementary School.
- Plant donated to Reading High School Baccalaureate.
- Plant donated \$500 to the Mill Creek Restoration Project.
- Plant donated \$200 to Reading Central Elementary for its carnival.

### **Community Announcements**

- Carol Bullock-Carpenter thanked Rohm and Haas for its support of the City of Reading's Annual Clean Up Day.
- Bethany Dale announced that she will be leaving her role of facilitating the CAC because her family is relocating to Toledo. She is sad to go and said she is very proud of the CAC and everything it has accomplished since its inception five years ago.
- Kim Brough also announced that she will be leaving Rohm and Haas as she relocates to Columbus.

### **CPI Committee Report (Chief Kaiser)**

- The committee met last week to review and modify the Request for Proposal grant application packets that will be mailed out to potential grant recipients. A few changes were made, but overall the materials were still in great order. Copies are available from Bethany if anyone would like to review the packets.
- The committee also finalized the address list of community and civic organizations that will receive the grant application packets. It was primarily the same list as last year, with a few additions.
- The grant application packets will be mailed by May 18.

### **Methyl Chloride Recovery Project (Mike Rouse)**

Please see attached slides for information about this project.

- This project should be fully implemented by the fall.
- It will take the plant about one year to recoup the capital investment spent on this project.

### **Closing Note**

The CAC meeting ended by honoring Bethany Dale with a cake, for all the work she has put into the CAC over the past several years.

Bethany thanked members for coming tonight and wished them continued success with the CAC.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**