



Cincinnati Facility

Community Advisory Council

**January 26, 2006
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Bruce Beiser
Rachael Belz
Kim Brough
Carol Bullock-Carpenter
Bud Elmlinger
Chief Kevin Kaiser
Sister Joan Krimm
Curt Lambert
Keith Mesch
Jim Pfennig
Sandy Schoenberger
John Theuring
Tami Todd

Facilitator

Bethany Dale

The meeting was held in the second floor conference room at the Rohm and Haas plant. Bethany Dale welcomed everyone back in 2006. Members had dinner and Bethany then brought the meeting to order by reviewing the agenda.

Sister Joan talked to the CAC about her trip to Brazil last month, where she attended the criminal trial of the accused killers who murdered Sister Dorothy last year while on a mission.

Plant Update (Bruce Beiser)

Safety

- The plant completed 2005 with no OSHA recordable injuries.
- On January 17, a maintenance mechanic was sprayed with molten tin metal while clearing a blocked line with residual pressure. There was no injury because he was wearing the prescribed safety protective equipment.

Environmental

Sewer and Wastewater

- On December 27, while the plant was shutdown for the Christmas holiday, the pH in the sewer went above 10 due to a boiler blow down and low flow. The sewer shutoff was activated correctly and no permit deviation occurred.

Air

- No permit exceedances or reportable releases.

- On December 5, 26 lbs of trimethylamine was released inadvertently to the Building 11/12 neutralization unit. There was no air release.
- On January 22, a small amount of stannic chloride was emitted and tripped the chlorine detector. The process was immediately shut down (including the chlorine railcar). The entire process was checked for a chlorine leak prior to start up. None was found.

RCRA Site Investigation

- Nothing new to report.

Odor Complaints

- There were no formal odor complaints since the last meeting on December 1.
- The process for recovering mercaptan from the wastewater has been declared a success and process modifications are underway for implementation starting April 1.

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.)
 - They were at 1:15 a.m. and 6:05 a.m. – both were denied access and left.
- Four trucks arrived between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. and were admitted into the plant.
- The plant received a neighbor complaint about an increase in the number of early trucks. Data was reviewed for the past quarter and less than 1% (14) of all the trucks arriving into the plant were early.

Methyl Chloride (MeCl) Emissions Reduction

- Efficiencies continue at 98-99%.
- 2005 emissions were less than 7 tons.
- Permit changes are still being reviewed by Hamilton County Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for submission to Ohio EPA.

Community Relations

- Plant received the Reading Chamber of Commerce's award for community service by a manufacturing member for granting the Community Partnership Initiative grant.
- Plant received the Alliance for Chemical Safety's award for Risk Reduction for its implementation of the numerous safety measures in handling chlorine.
- Plant volunteers are preparing Junior Achievement schedules for Central 3rd grade, Hilltop 5th grade, and possibly St. Peter and Paul 6th grade.
- Black History month essays are being collected for the Feb 24th event. The event will take place from 9-11 a.m. and CAC members are invited to attend.

Other News

- Bruce handed out copies of Rohm and Haas' corporate employee newsletters (December 2005 and January 2006 issues) to CAC members as an FYI.
- Bruce also mentioned that Morton Salt is going to package its table salt with historic labels of the Morton Salt Girl for a limited time.
- Kim Brough told the CAC about a conference call that she and Bethany participated on as part of the Rohm and Haas Community Partnership Initiative. She shared the positive comments from several larger Rohm and Haas facilities that noted that Reading's winning grant program was very impressive. Both Kim and Bethany thanked the CAC for their hard work in making the 2005 grant. Bethany handed out summaries of the winning grants from all Rohm and Haas locations.

Community Announcements From Members

- Carol Bullock-Carpenter gave members an update on the Feed the Children program. The Church Council has posted two job descriptions for the part-time meal and activity coordinator positions that the CAC's grant would fund this summer. The postings were sent to schools and universities.
- Sister Joan invited the CAC to a prayer service followed by refreshments in honor Sister Dorothy. The service will be held in the chapel at Mt. Notre Dame at 3:00 p.m.

Review of 2005 Evaluations and 2006 Agenda Setting

- Bethany reviewed the results of the 2005 CAC evaluations. (See attached summary and charts, which are enclosed for those who were not at the meeting).
- The CAC set the attached meeting agenda for 2006.

Closing Note

Bethany thanked members for coming tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.