

MINUTES

CARD Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Washtenaw County Western Service Center, Room 2010

Present: Bob Bailey, Vince Caruso, Elizabeth Collins, Jennifer Conn, Laura Hindle, Bryce Kelley, Mackenzie King, Kathy Knol, Rita Loch-Caruso, Kevin Lund, Shana Milkie, Michael Moran, Karpagam Palaninappam, Peri Patterson, Max Pettibone, Roger Rayle, Sue Shink, Kevin Thompson, Diana Wright

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Conn at 6:01 p.m.

1. We did introductions.

2. After some discussion and corrections, minutes from the 5/1/18 CARD meeting were approved. Firstly, the tolerance for the 522 testing method is 0.07 ppb, not 0.1 ppb. Also, Mike Moran informed the group that after the May meeting, Brian Negele contacted him to explain that the confidentiality agreement is not itself confidential. Brian sent a copy of the confidentiality agreement to Mike, and Mike shared copies with the group. Shana Milkie will add a note to the May minutes reflecting this clarification.

3. Agenda item #3f (videoing of CARD meetings) was moved up to be the first item of discussion.

4. The group discussed protocols around the videoing of CARD meetings. We agreed that an announcement would be made at each meeting that it would be recorded. This information will also be posted to the CARD website. The group will accommodate attendees who do not wish to appear on-camera.

5. 5/17/18 meeting with Michael Berkoff of the EPA and the municipalities and agencies stakeholder group: There were several concerns expressed about this meeting. Vince Caruso did not receive notification of the meeting. Michael Berkoff was concerned at the low number of attendees. Bryce Kelley pointed out that the meeting was announced at the 5/1/18 CARD meeting but that he should have clarified with Michael Berkoff about who should have been invited. While Roger Rayle was invited to speak as a representative of CARD, he did not have much time because other discussion took up most of the meeting time. Bryce said that he would work with the Water Commission to better prepare agendas and invitee lists for future meetings. While not every Municipality & Agency stakeholder group will be open, Bryce agreed that when the EPA is part of the meeting, it should be open. Roger added that he will annotate the video of the meeting with his comments.

5. Data gaps: Roger Rayle put together screen shots of the site. The 1995 data is not represented in the current database. This is important data because high concentrations from that time may

help explain the current state of the plume. For example, Gelman's own supply well had concentrations in the 100s in the 1995 database, but this well is not included in the current database. Another example is DuPont Circle. 1000 ppb is moving through DuPont Circle yet is not being detected by monitoring well 54d. Ferry St. in 1995 had 4000-5000 ppb – perhaps data from that location could help explain DuPont Circle now. A more complete conceptual site model would offer insight as well. Roger is also concerned that Gelman is not looking at deeper elevations at the core. In addition, the DEQ quarterly reports should acknowledge wells whose concentrations went down in the past but are now going up. Roger will present his concerns to Michael Berkoff: we need a central, comprehensive database that includes 1995 data, cross-sectional diagrams, and historical state, county, and University of Michigan data.

6. Ann Arbor's Green Fair will be Friday, June 8. Scio Residents for Safe Water and CARD will share a table there. The group discussed what resources should be brought.

7. Roger passed out a sheet asking people to fill in information flows about the dioxane issue from their own perspective. Attendees are asked to bring them back at the next meeting.

8. The CARDcore Google Group/e-mail discussion list was brought up. This list is for more frequent discussions of particular CARD issues. The main CARD list is for infrequent, general announcements. Anyone can join either list. Shana Milkie will add Dan Hamel of the DEQ to the list so he can be aware of and participate in the specific discussions.

9. Vince Caruso brought up the issue of meaningful near-surface groundwater (NSG) testing. Vince supports the request that Dan Bicknell made for DEQ to conduct more thorough NSG testing on Ann Arbor's west side. He would like to see CARD encourage the DEQ to begin this testing soon.

10. Two radio interviews of significance to CARD were mentioned. Former DEQ staffer and Gelman project manager Sybil Kolon was interviewed on WUOM. The director of For the Love of Water (FLOW) was also interviewed. Both expressed concerns about lack of action by the state of Michigan on its many polluted sites.

11. There are several DEQ personnel changes coming up that will be announced at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m

Next regular CARD meeting:

- Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 5:30 p.m. (Note revised date and time from usual schedule.)

Next Quarterly CARD/DEQ Meeting:

- Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by CARD secretary Shana Milkie with input from the CARD board.