

# MINUTES

## CARD Meeting

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Washtenaw County Western Service Center, Room 2010

Present: Bob Bailey, Dan Bicknell, Vince Caruso, Elizabeth Collins, Jennifer Conn, James D'Amour, Monica Haddox, Dan Hamel, Jeff Hayner, Bryce Kelley, Kathy Knol, Rita Loch-Caruso, Shana Milkie, Michael Moran, Matt Naud, Max Pettibone, Roger Rayle, Jim Schulz, Diana Wright

Meeting called to order by Roger Rayle at 6:01 p.m.

1. We did introductions.
2. Minutes from the 8/07/18 CARD meeting were approved.
3. Michael Berkoff/EPA meeting: No one had any updated information about a possible September meeting with Michael Berkoff, the DEQ, municipal and agency stakeholders, and Rep. Debbie Dingell.

We discussed what issues CARD should address at the meeting when it does take place. Items the group brought up:

- a. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at the former Gelman buildings, which are not yet characterized.
- b. The new lower groundwater to surface water interface (GWSWI) which changed from 2800 ppb to 280 ppb. There is concern about discharge from sump pumps emptying to Allen Creek or Honey Creek which could violate the Prohibition Zone.
- c. The group is frustrated by the confidentiality agreement. Members are concerned that it takes away public input and contains facts that the public doesn't know (and therefore can't address). Each entity should share its information so there is a comprehensive accounting of the dioxane problem.
- d. We discussed how to keep track of these issues. Dan Bicknell and Kristen Schweighofer have started a community issues list. Rita Loch-Caruso has already given feedback on it. Shana Milkie will consolidate the list with other CARD records of issues to discuss at the October meeting. Michael Berkoff is following community issues in the EPA quarterly reports.

4. The November quarterly CARD meeting with the DEQ will be held Tuesday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting normally would be held November 6, but that is election day and is a state employee holiday in even-numbered years. Jennifer Conn also reminded the group that the October meeting is the annual meeting with a board election.

5. Updates from Chair Roger Rayle:

- a. Roger did a review of all wells and borings. There are 1553 different names for the sampling locations to keep track of. He is concerned about the lack of completeness in the data. For example, some of the 1995 data was left off the current database. Perhaps it is time to resurvey all or most of the locations since several elevation and X/Y errors have been noted. Roger has plotted on Google Earth all cross-sections except for two early ones referenced for which we do not have copies. Dan Hamel will ask Gelman about the missing cross-sections. Roger also showed plume maps from 1987 to 2017 showing all locations of 500 ppb or more.
- b. Roger is seeking help in forming a complete picture of the dioxane contamination. We need a subgroup of CARD to determine what data should be added to the database. For example, there should be a field in the database for wells that have been plugged. Dan Hamel noted that the database will be moving to an open-source format at some point in the near future (exact time TBD).
- c. Another concern is channels of dioxane that are moving across Wagner Rd.

6. The group discussed asking Ann Arbor City Council to join the Superfund petition. The composition of the council will likely change in November, so CARD will consider this idea again at a later date.

7. Request for monitoring wells in northern prohibition zone: Vince Caruso suggested that CARD and the townships should make the request again for additional wells. The entities already made the request once, but Judge Shelton rejected it. This should be one of the items tracked on the community concerns list. Dan Bicknell noted that a document prepared three years ago for the DEQ did include a request for more wells and should be updated with new findings, e.g. the channels of dioxane crossing Wagner Rd.

8. Indoor air volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at former Gelman buildings: In April, CARD expressed concerns about VOCs at the Gelman site to the DEQ. Dan Bicknell made a follow-up presentation to 2|42 Community Church and Michigan Innovations HQ (organizations now located in the former Gelman buildings). About 20 VOCs were detected in 2015. Currently, Gelman is not required to look for VOCs in groundwater except for dioxane. Dan Bicknell/Global Environmental Alliance recommends that DEQ ask Gelman to sample for VOCs and/or do sampling of its own when split sampling. Bryce Kelley shared his concerns that Dan's information is alarming the occupants when it's not clear that they're at risk yet. Bryce is following up with Gerald Tiernan. Everyone agrees that the buildings should be sampled for VOCs. Dan Bicknell will prepare an action plan and get back with Bryce Kelley.

#### 9. DEQ Updates:

- a. Dan Hamel will be collecting surface water samples on September 18 and 19. Split sampling of monitoring wells is planned for October 1. He will ask about doing VOC sampling.
- b. Jennifer Conn completed the 2018 sampling of approximately 90 residential wells for the DEQ. This data will be added to the database. Jennifer also submitted the request for 2019 sampling, which will start next spring.
- c. Dan Hamel plans to submit the third quarterly report on or about October 1.

10. PFAS Updates:

- a. James D'Amour is vice chair of the Huron Valley Sierra Club. He is concerned about what to tell Sierra Club members and the public who ask about PFAS.
- b. The DEQ, Washtenaw County, and City of Ann Arbor all have web pages devoted to the PFAS issue. We can direct concerned citizens to those web pages.
- c. The City of Ann Arbor will soon be voting on an \$800,000+ PFAS treatment system.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m

Next regular CARD meeting:

- Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Next Quarterly CARD/DEQ Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. (please note that the meeting is pushed back from the first Tuesday)

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