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CARD Meeting

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

Present: Bob Bailey, Vince Caruso, Michelle Deatrack, Dan Hamel, Jeff Hayner, Kathy Knol, Rita Loch-Caruso, Shana Milkie, Max Pettibone, Roger Rayle, Jim Schulz, Kevin Thompson, Gerald Tiernan, Diana Wright

Meeting called to order by Roger Rayle at 6:06 p.m.

1. We did introductions.

2. Minutes from the 11/13/18 CARD meeting were approved.

3. Updates from Chair Roger Rayle:

a. Dioxane is moving in narrow channels at high concentrations near Wagner Rd. and is probably moving outward. The channels are moving across Wagner Rd. at varying elevations. Some elevations don't have monitoring wells. The dioxane is moving to the north at a slow pace. Both the dioxane flow and lack of monitoring wells at some elevations are an ongoing concern. Bob Bailey suggested that we need a "picket fence" approach for monitoring wells, rather than only using selected locations.

b. There were no updates from Gelman about boring GSI-98-01.

c. Roger is putting together his annual Google Earth mashup layers for the Gelman site. He is seeking any available public data sources to incorporate into the mashup. He has an inquiry in to the city and county about static level changes and boundary changes. In particular, he wants to make sure that the layer with Scio Twp. and Ann Arbor Twp. parcels with wells is up to date.

d. Succession planning for knowledge about the Gelman site: the group needs to discuss how to keep institutional knowledge in one place, accessible, and updated, for the duration of the cleanup. Part of this could involve having each governmental unit reiterate support of CARD and provide funding for paid staff to do the work that Roger does. In addition, CARD should have access to any work/data relating to the Gelman site.

4. DEQ updates with Dan Hamel:

a. Dan sent out the third quarterly report covering May-September 2018. It includes an update on PFAS sampling; some answers from Gelman in response Dan's questions; surface water sampling results; and a section for previous issues. Gelman did a file review and did not identify significant use of PFAS. There is some as an outfall of the treatment system. The discharge was sampled last week and results are expected in four to five weeks. Dan has requested a written summary of the results. On December 18, 2018, there is a public meeting on PFAS organized by the Huron River Watershed Council, Washtenaw County, and the city of Ann Arbor.

b. Dan met with Evan Pratt on November 19, 2018 to discuss sampling the Allen Creek Drain in the next six months. Kevin Lund and Dan are preparing a workplan. About six to eight locations will be sampled one time per month starting at the end of December. Vince Caruso noted that Hanna Park testing does not test the Allen Creek Drain because the creek is in a pipe at Hanna Park. The surface water testing at West Park is water running off of Seventh St. In the Slauson area, RL 12 and 13 showed 2-3 ppb in 2016. RL 10 and 11, and Conan Smith's house were non-detect.

c. Vince Caruso noted that we need permanent wells for near-surface water testing. He is also concerned about wet basements. Sump pumps pumping out water might exceed the groundwater to surface water interface standard of 280 ppb.

d. Dan shared updates of the ongoing treatment system. During maintenance, pumping well TW8 was found to have broken open and filled with sand. Gelman shut down TW-8 and is planning to replace it. They will identify monitoring wells in the vicinity and take samples. Gelman is striving to make the replacement in mid-December to early January. Dan spoke with Jim Brody and asked if Gelman would take samples while drilling. Monitoring well 52s is a similar elevation to TW8; Roger recommended sampling from this well. Dan also asked about drilling to bedrock but Gelman was not receptive to that proposal. CARD members were concerned about this response and want to make sure that Gelman's refusal is documented.

e. The Porter St. pump house will be shut down for three days starting Monday, 12/10/18 to complete the upgrade work, including moving the electric meter and connecting pipes.

5. Political concerns:

a. Michelle Deatrick noted that Washtenaw County just created an Environmental Council. She suggested that CARD could pass a resolution to ask the municipalities and the county to ask Gelman about drilling to bedrock in all future drillings.

b. Vince Caruso brought up the Mlive new article about SB1244, which would curb the state's ability to use the latest scientific information when setting standards. The bill passed the state Senate today and is enrolled for the state House tomorrow. CARD members are encouraged to contact Governor Snyder and urge him to veto the bill.

c. Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer may be more receptive to the Superfund effort. Michelle Deatrick suggested contacting her via her administration's transition website: MichiganTransition.org. Michelle Martinez is head of policy action for Gov.-elect Whitmer. We should petition for Part 201 to be changed because it does not protect the state of Michigan. Water is an issue that cuts across political boundaries.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m

Next regular CARD meetings:

- Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Next Quarterly CARD/DEQ Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

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