

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting
April 5, 2007

REVISED AGENDA

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Chuck Oberlie, Chairman

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Announcements

MS4 Update

Other

Public Comment

Adjournment

Environmental Management Policy Committee
April 5, 2007 9:00 a.m. – NIRPC Conference Room, Portage, IN

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS/GUESTS

Mayor Chuck Oberlie, Kevin Breitzke, Jennifer Gadzala, Susan MiHalo, Dave Behrens, Linda Childers, Betty Lou Nault, Joan Bliss, Jeff Hughes, Jennifer Nebe, Tom Anderson, Mark Strimbu, Ann McCabe, Doug Bley, Dorreen Carey, Kay Nelson, Sandy O'Brien, Charlotte Read, Brenda Scott Henry, Daniel Goldfarb, June Calen, Melanie Kroczek, Carol Cook, Linda Wilson, Rich Herr, Connie Clay, Steve West, Mark Reshkin, Natalie Grimmer, Bob Schaefer, Marge Hefner, Danielle Barnett, Bob McCormick, Jenny Orsburn, Jeff Edstrom, Dale Engquist, Hala Kuss, Matt Cook, Ben Brown, Francyne Mixon, Mary Beth Wiseman, Dan Gardner, Jackie Anders, Jody Melton.

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Approval of EMPC Minutes of March 1, 2007 Meeting.

The March 1, 2007 Minutes were approved by Kevin Breitzke and seconded by Joan Bliss; motion carried.

BP Presentation of Development Projects, Permitting, Public Comment

Natalie Grimmer, CXHO Project Environmental Manager

Ms. Grimmer presented the Operation Canadian Crude Environmental Update, beginning with an overview of the OCC Project/CXHO, OCC Overall Environmental Strategy, OCC Approach to Air Quality and OCC Approach to Water Management.

Project's Summary: For the Northwest Indiana Community, the OCC Project/CXHO means a substantial boost to the local economy, jobs, and sustainability of the BP Whiting Refinery.

The project is in mid-engineering stage. The start of major construction is fourth quarter 2007 and crude deliveries starts fourth quarter 2010. The refining investment of this project is \$3 billion.

Implement emission controls and wastewater management projects to secure the environmental permits required for the project. Obtain air construction permit by third quarter 2007 and obtain water NPDES permit by fourth quarter 2007.

CXHO Air Permit Emissions: CO controls are technically infeasible, thus, it was necessary for BP to trigger major new source review permitting for Carbon Monoxide.

The status of CXHO Air Source Modification Permit: BP held meetings with IDEM & EPA during 2005 and 2006 prior to permit submittal. The application for the air construction/operation permit was submitted to IDEM on July 31, 2006. IDEM developed a proposed schedule for meeting the goal of issuing the permit by August 2007. IDEM has been reviewing the permit application, emission calculations and BACT analysis. BP has been actively working with IDEM on addressing any questions and developing a pre-draft permit.

Implement water treatment and reduction projects to ensure refinery waste water discharge is in compliance with water quality standards and permit limits. Work with IDEM to renew the refinery's NPDES permit with the OCC project incorporated by December 2007. Apply for a General Stormwater Management Permit for construction activities.

The status of BP NPDES Permit: IDEM public noticed BP Whiting's draft NPDES permit on March 16, 2006. IDEM has provided for a 60 day public comment period to end on May 11, 2007. IDEM

will be hosting a public meeting on BP's draft NPDES permit on April 26, 2007 at the Whiting City Council Chambers at 6:00 p. m. EPA will conduct a concurrent review of the permit during the public comment period.

BP's investment will economically benefit the Northwest Indiana Community and create job opportunities. BP values our local natural resources in northwest Indiana and is committed to investing in environmental controls that balance the nation's needs for energy and the requirements of clean air and water. BP will implement emission controls and wastewater management projects to secure the environmental permits required for the project. BP will ensure the project design meets Environmental Regulatory Requirements. Discussion concluded the presentation.

EMPC – 2007 Objectives, Work Tasks, Performance Indicators

- Introduction by Chairman Oberlie
- Facilitation by Staff (Dan Gardner)
- Discussion, Priority Setting by Committee Members

Dan Gardner facilitated priority setting for the 2007 objectives and work tasks for NIRPC's direction in the Northwest Indiana Region.

The key question for committee member's participation is how regional strategies can be most effective in optimizing the quality of soil, water and air in northwest Indiana. The priority setting and discussion concluded with:

Statutory or Regulatory Responsibilities

- Enabling Legislation specified Regional Environmental Planning
- Air Quality Conformity for long range transportation plan is NIRPC responsibility
- NIRPC is Point Source (208) Water Quality Management Agency – Plan Outdated.

Ongoing Tasks and Committed Work Objectives

- Air Quality Public Education Programs
- Marquette Plan – Phase II
- MS4 Stormwater Management – Public Information – Education
- Openlands (4r2) Greenways, Blueways, Trails

Targeted Tasks and Committed Work Objectives

- Strategic Approach to Environmental Planning
- Pursue three (3) county Regional Comprehensive Land Use Planning Sensitive to Regional sub-areas, context, and infrastructure needs
- Air Quality Steering Committee to meet and review statutes and re-energize air-quality efforts

Targeted Additional Objectives for 2007

- Environmental, comprehensive role of committee in Illiana Planning
- MS 4 should explore watershed planning on regional basis
- Seek better agencies coordination in environmental area
- Continue educational materials related to environmental (natural areas, wetlands, sustainable plan) for local planning officials

Measurement of Effectiveness or Activity

- Committee attendance, participation of environment, business governmental interests
- Work with Quality of Life Council to develop meaningful Environmental Indicators for northwest Indiana

Dan Gardner stated he will compile these and e-mail them to the members. Mayor Oberlie remarked, if you have other ideas e-mail them to Dan and they will be put on the list.

Outdoor Wood Boiler Furnace Report

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Next Steps

Mayor Oberlie stated a packet is available to the committee members listing four alternative regulatory steps from around the state relating to the outdoor wood boiler furnaces. The objective is to get the packets to you and ask the sub-committee to meet and report back to the next EMPC meeting with a series of recommendations. The objective is to look at more than one recommendation; something that works in the rural areas and something more for the urban areas.

Mr. Breitzke stated our focus needs to be on the outdoor wood fire boilers and what their impact is on their surroundings. Mr. Donnelly's input and continued comment on what we are doing with this is appreciated. The next meeting date will be set next week.

Announcements

- Mary Beth reviewed a series of successful erosion control workshops that were held in late March. Earth Day at Sunset Hill Farm is April 22, 2007. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule and Gas Can Exchange handouts are available. Stormwater Matters is our new Newsletter for MS4 Communities in northwest Indiana. The MS4 Stormwater Advisory Board meeting is immediately following the EMPC meeting in the Green Packer Room to discuss this year's events. NIRPC is sponsoring a Poster Contest for kid's kindergarten through eighth grade. Judging of the Poster Contest is in May and the winners will produce a 2008 water quality calendar.
- Susan MiHalo announced a viewing of An Inconvenient Truth on Friday, April 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barker Center. It is sponsored by Save the Dunes Council and Save the Dunes Conservation Fund. A discussion will follow by Lee Botts on Learn How You Can Make a Difference.
- Sandy O'Brien announced the Valparaiso Chain of Lakes is showing a movie, The Great Warming at the Porter County Administration building on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. On May 19, 2007, Mr. Jerry Wilhelm, Botanist, will speak at 10:00 a.m. at Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso.
- Jenny Orsburn announced the CLECP program is taking public comment until April 16, 2007. The Coastal Advisory Board meeting is 6:15 p.m. at the Porter County Visitor's Center on April 18, 2007.

Public Comment

Ms. Carol Cook, Project Coordinator for Save the Dunes Conservation Fund announced the Indiana Coastal Restoration Action Team Celebrates Earth Day. On Friday, April 20, 2007, a coordinated invasive control effort is taking place at multiple locations. Volunteers are needed. On Saturday, April 21, 2007, Save the Dunes Conservation Fund Field Training-native tree and wildflower planting, along the Indiana Department of Transportation right-of-ways is 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The location is on the north side of US 12 at the intersection of SR 149.

The Indiana Coastal Wetland Sampling and Methodology Workshop is Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The workshop will be at the Save the Dunes Barker Center. There is no charge for the workshop. \$10.00 for lunch or bring your own. Details will be sent upon registration.

The Indiana Master Naturalist Program, Exploring Indiana's Lake Michigan Coastal Resources will be taught at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center on four Saturdays, June 2 to 23, 2007.

The next EMPC meeting is May 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned.