

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Soil Study

Wednesday May 17th, 2017 Meeting Notes

In attendance: Dr. Tammy Milillo (TM-UB), Jackie James-Creedon (JJC-CSCR, Kenmore Resident), Katie Little (KL-UB,CSCR), Sue Mazur (SM, ToT Resident), Maria Tisby (MT, ToT Resident), Jeanine Justin (Grand Island)

Absent: Dr. Joe Gardella (JG-UB), Dr. Josh Wallace (JW-UB), Dr. Mike Milligan (MM-SUNY Fredonia), Anne Bazinet (AB-ToT Resident), Jay Farqueson (JF, Grand Island resident)

(JJC) Opened the meeting, welcomed everyone. Introduced latest draft of FAQ sheet, asked for input.

(TM) Updated everyone re: FAQ sheet, question #7: Joe has contacted the lawyer

(JJC) Introduced the Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) from the DEC for Tonawanda Coke property. The IRM document describes the proposed cleanup activities for a portion of the site located between River Road and the Niagara River. Tonawanda Coke (TCC) has proposed to recycle the removed coal tar, a process which is subject to review by the USEPA and NYSDEC. NYSDEC will review and revise the IRM plan while keeping the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/915055ou3irm.pdf>

(TM) Advised that a good relationship with the DEC would be helpful so that we can hear the results of their studies sooner, and so they will give us notice about document numbers relevant to our research.

Added that the UB soil study is meeting rigorous standards so that residents can use the results for a lawsuit if they choose.

(JJ) Inquired about the history/role of the Clean Air Coalition and the role of UB/CSCR

(JJC) Explained history of CACWNY and CSCR. CSCR is in charge of being a liaison between researchers and the community.

(MT) Inquired about the health study.

(TM) Explained that the two studies are separate, but the soil study will be sharing their data with the health study. The health study will be a 10 year study which can follow the increased expression of some illnesses in the community.

(JJ) How can I help?

(TM) Discussed boundaries on Grand Island, considered adding another row of points to the northern edge of the Grand Island samples – perhaps sampling along

Whitehaven.

Explained that the map will not have identified data in it. If there is merit to disclosing identified information (eg. for the health study) the data may be disclosed in the future.

(JJC) Explained how results will be distributed. Students will hand deliver data and summary from UB to residents. Residents have multiple options for how to engage researchers to discuss the results: Community meeting (date and time TBD), one on one meeting with Joe G., email tcsoilstudyquestions@gmail.com, call CSCR office to set up meeting with Joe.

(JJ) Why is the pilot study on the south east side of the grid?

(TM) The pilot study placement is based on data from previous studies and the prevailing winds.

**Next meeting Wednesday June 21th, 2017
3200 Elmwood, Room 210, 6pm**