

Lake Township Community Advisory Group

**Lake Township Community Advisory Group Formation Meeting
October 21, 2000**

Present: John Birk, John Ondick, Jonathan Fleming, Patricia Schorr, Ted Walls, W. Roderic Covey, Dave Herbert, Tom Shalala, Sue Ruley, Carolyn Casey
Press: Joy Dingman

The meeting opened with introductions. Sue Ruley explained that Lake Township had received a \$100,000 redevelopment grant from the EPA for the IEL. There needs to be community input as to the proposed future uses of the IEL and perhaps surrounding properties; therefore, a citizens group needs to be formed for this purpose. This group would work with the township, the township's environmental consultant, and the township's attorney. This group would hopefully be comprised of at least ten members.

Mr. Herbert stated that this group would be called a CAG (Community Advisory Group). The grant requires that citizen's involvement be encouraged and that the citizens should have input as to the future use of the landfill area. There may be public hearings, public mailings, etc. This grant is to get information from the community about what the community would like to see done. The township is also interested in further testing of the site. They would also like to have proof that natural attenuation is occurring. The surrounding properties should also be characterized. The township needs to show to the citizens that everything that could be done has been done.

Tom Shalala stated that the PRPs are interested in working with the township. They would like to have the citizen's input. Mr. Shalala stated that Ross Delrosario is the Remedial Project Manager, and he would also like to see the citizens involved. One of Mr. Shalala's concerns was that there are still 8 underground tanks at the old Uniontown Tire on Cleveland Avenue.

There was discussion regarding the landfill in the past, present, and future.

For the next meeting some of the materials that will be available are a map of the IEL (including the 17 properties owned by the federal government), a copy of the PRP's survey results and comments, a topographical map, and historical and current photographs of the site.

Jonathan Fleming teaches at Kent State University. He said that his students had some suggestions as to the future use of the landfill.

Mr. Herbert mentioned that this was a public meeting; therefore, all information would be public record. The PRPs and the EPA maintain web sites regarding landfills. Mr. Herbert will provide these web addresses at the next meeting.

Mr. Shalala said that the majority of landfills are capped. This is the traditional method of closing the landfill. There are other options, which should be investigated.

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Mr. Fleming agreed to format his student's suggestions into some kind of report for the public record.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 18, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. At that time a spokesperson should be appointed for the group.