

**Water Task Force (Combined Groundwater and Surface Water)  
June 7, 2002, Noon, CAB Office**

Members present: Nola Courtney  
Mark Donham (via tele-conference)  
Linda Long  
Jim Smart  
Bill Tanner

Support staff present: Lynn Link, BJC

Regulators: Brian Begley, Commonwealth of Kentucky (via tele-conference)  
Todd Mullins, Commonwealth of Kentucky (via tele-conference)

Members of the Public: Vicki Jurka  
Al Puckett

Chairman Jim Smart called the meeting to order at noon. He explained to the task force that he had been informed the Department of Energy (DOE) would not be able to attend the meeting to give any updated information on projects at this time due to ongoing negotiations.

Tanner thanked Begley for the article he had recently written for the University of Kentucky newsletter regarding the sewer rehabilitation and water modeling issues.

Tanner mentioned he noticed the outfalls referenced in the abstracts prepared by the Southern Illinois University students were different than the outfalls indicated in the DOE site-wide sediment controls document. He intends to study this issue further and possibly address the board with his findings.

Based on his knowledge of sites that have already signed letters of intent, Donham stated that the accelerated cleanup fund should have reached close to a billion dollars at this point. Link stated that Pat Halsey had taken an action item from the May board meeting to track this information and report the status to the board in June.

Donham asked Tanner if Cairo, Illinois, was the first water intake source downstream from the plant. Tanner will investigate and report to the task force.

Tanner asked about the status of the sewer rehabilitation recommendation that the board submitted to DOE. Link reported DOE had received the recommendation and that Don Seaborg had informed the board at the May meeting that he was assigning a project manager to the recommendation.

Donham requested clarification on the status of the Permeable Treatment Zone (PTZ) project. Link reminded the task force that during the PTZ discussion at the May board meeting, Seaborg had stated PTZ was part of the ongoing negotiations, and that no final decision had been made. Mullins confirmed that the state hasn't been officially informed of a final decision yet. Smart expressed concern that DOE was considering the abandonment of the PTZ pilot program. Both he and Tanner believe that DOE should at least do the pilot project to evaluate the effectiveness of the technology.

The task force discussed their previous decision requesting a presentation on phytoremediation. Based on the current situation with ongoing negotiations, the task force decided to defer this request until there is a clear path forward.

The task force discussed their frustration with the current lack of information from DOE, and the apparent lack of progress due to ongoing negotiations. They are concerned that they are not able to be effective and that their recommendations are not being taken seriously by DOE.

Long stated that the inaccessibility of the church cemetery on DOE property is a very big problem for the community. She said people were not able to enter the cemetery on Memorial Day. Puckett asked if DOE was fulfilling their responsibility to the public regarding the graveyard.

The task force decided to defer the graveyard issues to the Community Concerns Subcommittee.

Jurka stated that people participating in the Water Policy program with DOE are concerned, based on information in the recently released ATSDR report, that DOE is not obligated to continue the Water Policy program throughout their lifetime as they originally had thought. She is convinced there is a lot of confusion in the community regarding the Water Policy program. Coupled with the possibility of DOE pursuing the purchase of plant neighbor water rights, she believes these issues should be addressed. After discussion, the task force decided to request a briefing from DOE regarding the Water Policy program at the next task force meeting.

Due to the holiday in July, the task force agreed their next meeting would be July 12, 2002 at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.