

CARD/ EGLE Quarterly Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM
Via Zoom

[20220906 CARD-EGLE Quarterly Meeting via Zoom](#)

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Roger Rayle.

The Minutes from July were approved by the board.

Old Business/ Action Items:

EGLE will not move forward while the appeal is pending on removal of Confidentiality agreement per Dan Hamel.

MS4- Dan Hamel stated that all parties met to discuss the GSI workplan and MS4 program. Additional questions were raised and there was no agreement met. They will be meeting again. EGLE has no stance yet, except that they may have to do both, full compliance with part 201 and the MS4 also. Dan Bicknell asked if EGLE believes that Gelman must halt the infiltration in Allen Creek to a background levels to comply with the MS4 permit? Josh Moser said it's a WRD issue and they are all trying to find the path to get to that. There is still some concern about other pathways and some are the NPDES permit, which Dan B states is not applicable. Vince Caruso said that the main issue with this is that it is close to the surface, and lots of homes with wet basements and exposure is a potential issue and concern.

Patti McCall stated that the Sentinel well placement contract is going to the City Council for vote early October and drilling will start early November if it is approved.

Superfund site update- Joel, with Congresswoman Dingells office, updated us on Ms Dingell's recent visits with Deborah Shore, the EPA region 5 director, and A2 water treatment plant and Gelman area. She got an overview of the area and timelines and about the same. Director Shore was supportive to get this expedited as quickly as possible.

Kathy Knol has no new updates on the court of appeals yet.

Kathy Knol does have an update for Scio well testing. They tested 64 homes with no data back yet. They went further to the North, East, and west of Honey Creek. These were homes who wanted testing and the consultant picked. 180 residents applied for these testings.

Kathy Knol has spoken with the township planner about the KOC project. The builder is trying to pursue this development and has made an offer to the township to pay for water main extension from the auto mall on Jackson Rd. The planning staff has told them that this is not a community benefit and not feasible. And they still have to do more testing on the site. This developer is going to pursue and keep trying. Roger asked if the developer or anyone from their team has attended any CARD meetings. Maybe Roger will go to a planning commission to pass along information to the developer when it comes before the Planning Commission. Jack reminded us that the developer got the Larry Lemke letter recommending the plume not be in the area of their plans for infiltration and drinking water well and James D'Amour mentioned that if they are not responding to the severity of this and the environment, this is a developer that the township should not be dealing with....we residents will speak up, when it is time.

EGLE updates:

Gelman has recently installed a well cluster in the eastern area near PZ boundary MW147. There was a problem when the drilling and decided to install two wells at 200 feet, it did not go to bedrock. There was 1-2 ppb found. They will be installing the other remaining locations. They now have permission and access to install the extraction well in the Rose location. The NPDES permit for the Parklake Ext well is in the process. Western area, the polluter is still in discussions to get access and they are still working on the GSI work plans and activities. CM Griswold, as an elected official felt she must go on the record, she mentioned to Dan Hamel about the First Sister Lake NPDES process and her concern for the constituents and public outrage that will ensue. EGLE should know these concerns in their permitting process. James D'Amour asked about the timetable so far and WRD's progress. Dan did not know. Glenn Hendrix mentioned that it is usually approx 180 days for a regular permit and this is more complex, so probably longer. Vince mentioned that all these issues from Scio drinking water, to wet basements, to First Sister Lake possible exposure, hopefully we can get the EPA in here very soon. Rita Loch-Caruso asked if the polluter is doing anything that is more than their requirement, or are they only doing the ordered items? EGLE said that they are only doing what is required.

Roger asked Dan about the new MW's 147 and their 1-2 ppb detection. He asked how many other MW's or purge wells are around that elevation of 180 feet? Dan will find out for the next meeting. This site was where many years ago until now, the purging has been $\frac{1}{3}$ of the pumping capacity. The company is doing the minimal amount that they have to, and the plume keeps moving. Josh Moser is not going to argue, but this is not an aquifer restoration plus working with the 85 ppb old objective. Dan Bicknell discussed that the polluter should be required to place MW's on the north side of M14 to see where this Scio positive homeowner wells are located.

TW 24 and TW 25 at the core area are running per Dan Hamel. The phytoremediation is going in one area and the other will be completed this winter. Roger pointed out that the TW's were areas with really high concentrations, and were outside the area that Gelman thought needed to be treated.

Dan showed us the homeowner wells that were sampled by EGLE and Washtenaw County on a map and where detections were found. They have planned the next year's sampling and will be going north into Scio and will be doing 244 homeowner wells in 2023.

The main treatment system was shut down during a power failure last week and EGLE was notified when the pumping and treatment was halted.

There was a request from ongoing legal documents and they are now on the Gelman EGLE website.

In early November EGLE will be testing the surface waters.

Chair Update:

Roger showed us the water tower removal from the site. It has been unused and empty for years, but Gelman used it for their manufacturing process decades ago. The soils around it are contaminated/ the burn pit and pond 1. But, we don't really know why it needed to come

down. Roger showed us the wells we have no data for. He showed us the wells they got permits from the County, but we don't know why. This is in the Burn Pit area which had 1-2 million ppb in 1988-1998 and has not been fully sampled and shared since.

Scio's recent sampling round has not been shared with EGLE yet. Dan will add the sampling to the database for the May Scio samples when he has time.

With the new lower detection sampling, we should have EGLE and the polluter resample the non detect locations.

We still need to discuss in person meetings in 2023 or a hybrid model or keep it all Zoom and maybe meet in person once a year.

The Mayor's Green Fair is on the calendar. We need volunteers to help.

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Glenn Hendrix asked Roger about the dredging of the unnamed tributary of Honey Creek, without a permit that Gelman did. Glenn and Roger had turned in a complaint to EGLE and nobody ever heard back. Dan Hamel will check on if there was a permit for this dredging.

Eric Lipson asked for CARD's endorsement for his mayoral campaign.

James D'Amour announced CM Griswold is sponsoring a resolution and he would like to have CARD also make a resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM

Minutes compiled by Beth Collins