

CARD Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM
On Zoom

[06/04/2024 CARD-EGLE Quarterly meeting Video](#)

The meeting was called to order by Roger Rayle at 10:05 am.

The May Minutes were approved by the Board.

Jack Eaton moderated the meeting.

EPA Updates-

Erica Aultz NPL coordinator with the State of Michigan gave us an update. Public comment period ended and they received over 150 comments. HQ will draft a "support document" and a new hazard rating score. She introduced Anthony McGlown and he updated the group on what he does for EPA region 5 and when it does list as NPL will be our RPM and will stay with the site. He has a total of 5 sites he is RPM or co-RPM on. Once NPL is listed or designated, the polluter has 90 days to initiate litigation (which we expect Gelman to do). The CJ in place now will continue to be implemented and there is a "process" of transition from State to Federal oversight. Vince Caruso discussed the studies that have been done on the shallow groundwater infiltration into the Allen Creek drain and wet basements and hopes the EPA is reviewing all of this.

Georgia Frost with Congresswoman Dingell's office stated that the Congresswoman is prepared to help in any way we need her to and plans on attending the next public meeting on the NPDES permit.

EGLE Updates-

There was no update today from EGLE on our agenda items. Josh Moser is in attendance if we had any questions about any items.

The Public Meeting/ hearing for the NPDES permit at Honey Creek is on the 20th of June and Josh discussed how the format will go for the meeting and hearing part.

Vince asked about the Allen Creek infiltration and hopes that EGLE is working on this issue and the MS4 violation.

Scio Twp Update-

Kathy Knol has no Scio update, but the Twp did have a sewer main backup and discharge into Honey Creek. The utilities director was in attendance, Brandon McNiel wanted to update us. They are working with EGLE and the Public Health Dept to do testing in the creek. They believe it was a backup of grease that clogged it??

Washtenaw Co Update-

There was nobody from the County in attendance, but the Health Dept did send us the Homeowner well sampling map prior to the meeting. They were doing the testing on this day

and unable to attend this meeting. They won't have the results until the July or August meeting for us.

Ann Arbor Twp Updates-

There was nobody in attendance from AACT.

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Erin Donnelly said the City has no updates today.

Executive Board-

Rita Loch-Caruso is attending the Yale Superfund Research Center Annual Meeting tomorrow in person. She will provide the Zoom link in case anyone else wants to view. Heather Lauver is still working on her next steps.

James D'Amour discussed an update on the Polluter Pay Bills in the state legislature. He has spoken to Senator Jeff Irwin and there may be some hearings upcoming. Even if these reforms are passed, the current CJ takes precedence. He will keep us posted on anything that we may be interested in, between meetings. There was discussion about how the residents and stakeholders could make comments at these hearings about how we have been affected over the decades by weak State environmental laws and the Consent Judgements.

Elinor Epperson, a freelance journalist who is a Masters student at MSU and has been doing many interviews for some articles she is writing about the Gelman Plume. She requested any residents who were affected by the plume or employees who were affected, to reach out to her. She gave her email in the chat. Rita Loch-Caruso discussed how there was never a registry of humans who were exposed, let alone a "study" on the effects. Beth directed Elinor to her former neighbors in Westover Hills. It takes years of detective work to look through these homes and wells and data. Roger discussed how much of the data had been kept from the public over the years.

Chair Updates-

Roger discussed the NPL comments and showed us the spreadsheet where he compiled them all and how to easily click on links and not have to download them.

He then discussed the NPDES Public Hearing. He discussed the current discharge of 22 ppb and Bromate byproduct and that the State is requesting 9 ppb, but Gelman is contesting this. Gelman is using such an old and overworked system. He discussed the history of the Treatment plant and how it is not equipped to pump and treat the large scale contamination and high concentrations of dioxane. The polluter is trying to "get by" with an outdated system and outdated pipelines. It's been this way for decades.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes were compiled by Beth Collins

