

CARD Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM
On Zoom
[07/02/2024 CARD Monthly meeting Video](#)

The Meeting was called to order by Roger Rayle at 6:07 PM.

The June Minutes were approved.

Jack Eaton moderated.

EPA Updates-

No EPA reps present.

Georgia Frost said there are no updates from the Congresswoman's office.

EGLE Updates-

No EGLE reps present.

We discussed the NPDES Permit Public Hearing that was held on June 20th. Roger has been continuing to contact the WRD of EGLE about it, as has Dan Bicknell. Roger got a video of the meeting from a resident who attended. Kathy Knol mentioned that at the public hearing, she noticed that when asked by commenters that they wanted Gelman to improve their clean up of the partially treated water, EGLE noted that they have never dictated what type of method Gelman should use? Why?? It should be the best available technology to clean up the contamination.

There was discussion about the new Supreme Court Chevron ruling and how this may affect the Gelman site.

Washtenaw County-

Yousef Rabhi mentioned that he had worked with Dan Bicknell to get the County Commissioners to approve the EPA request for NPL. There are no legal updates to fill us in on.

Kristen Schweighofer mentioned that the County Public Health did the Homeowner Well sampling and the results are in, but the homes have not all been notified of the results yet, so exact addresses were not discussed tonight. 153 homes were sampled, 10 either had no water on or declined testing. 36 positive detections were found and 20 were higher. Elizabeth Rd was the highest detection at 2.8 ppb. Blueberry Ln was still non detect. No detections in the expanded area. Kristen and Roger showed us on the maps and discussed how the process is done with expanding the area due to positive readings that Scio did on their own.

Ann Arbor Township-

Diane O'Connell has nothing new from the Township to report.

Scio Township-

Kathy Knol has nothing new to report from the Township.

City of Ann Arbor-

There was nobody from the City present.

Executive Board-

James D'Amour has nothing from the Legislature to update. Comm Rahbi elaborated on this and that there is only a small chance to get these Polluter Pay Bills passed.

Elinor Epperson should have her journalism piece for us soon.

Grace and Aditi thanked us for letting the UM Synthetic Biology Team present to us in May. They updated us on what they are doing now with their bioremediation of 1,4 dioxane project. They have a survey they would like shared and taken by many residents. All CARD members present were very excited to see this study and hopeful that new technologies such as this are discovered to treat the contaminated waters all around the world.

Chair Updates- [Chair Notes](#)

Roger is still waiting on the "secret" sampling data from the Gelman site that was suppressed by the Confidentiality Agreement during the 4th CJ negotiations. With the 4th CJ negotiations over, why hasn't the sampling data been made public?

There is still sampling from Scio Twp that is not in the EGLE database?

While researching the NPDES data, he found that there were no 2024 documents on the EGLE website related to Gelman Sciences.

The NPDES hearing was held and Roger has posted the documents and video on his Chair Notes and on srsr.org.

The EPA NPL status moves forward and Roger has all the links on his Chair Notes and srsr.org. Roger showed us an address that is on the old west side of Ann Arbor that is listed as the NPL site for Gelman? He has corrected this with the EPA.

Beth asked Roger about the family who was drinking the dioxane in well at 5005 Jackson Rd? If studies have been done, because they had children drinking the water and the adults. This would have been a good start on human studies. Nobody has any answers. There was discussion on if there are other properties which never hooked up to the municipal water? Kristen said that the County gets all well permits and knows all drilling information.

Roger asked about the Blueberry Lane location and why there is no sampling in Scio Township within 1000 feet of that home as there is in Ann Arbor Township. EGLE never got a positive detection at the Blueberry location like the township sampling did.

CARD's position is to sample all homeowner drinking wells ½ mile outward from any positive detection.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

The Minutes were compiled by Beth Collins, CARD secretary