

Community Advisory Panel – Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2003

PRESENT: David Thomas, Bill Schnelle, Ron Hinds, Bill Homman (PSF), Cliff Gauldin (PSF), Glynn Young (facilitator)

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. in the PSF Education Center in Princeton.

Introduction

Following introductions, Cliff Gauldin briefly reviewed the history of the advisory panel process. The advisory panel was created in 1999, and then embedded in the consent decree with the U.S. EPA and Missouri DNR. The panel was later divided into two panels, one focused on farms and the other on the Milan production facility. Recently, PSF made the decision to return to the one-panel concept, focused on the farms, as this was the primary interest of the regulatory agencies. Members of the Milan panel have been invited to be part of the farms panel, and a few have indicated they will do so.

Hotline Activity

Gauldin also reviewed activity on the PSF hotline. Twenty calls have been received since April 1, 11 of which were odor-related. A total of 28 calls have been received so far in 2003, of which 12 are odor related. Gauldin noted that lagoon turning typically prompts more calls related to odor, and this had happened since April 1.

Incident Reports

Bill Homman reviewed the incident reports filed since late 2002, and also explained the process by which the investigating committees study each incident and then resolve, correct and/or make recommendations. This discussion prompted a number of questions from the panel members:

Q: What is reportable?

A: Anything involving more than 1,000 gallons or any amount that crosses the property line. Reporting for incidents involving materials like hydraulic fluid begins at 40 gallons.

Q: Are the reservoirs in good shape?

A: Yes, particularly with the recent rains.

Q: Is sludge clean out increasing every year?

A: Yes.

Q: Are you getting your budget increased for environmental-related matters?

A: Yes, we are. Homman noted that PSF is trying a number of different technologies to reduce environmental impacts across all company operations.

Q: Do you have to remove lagoon covers for the sludge cleanouts?

A: Yes.

Q: Are you still applying treated waste materials on fields?

A: Yes. (Homman also described the process for application and runoff containment.)

Q: Are you having any problems with animal diseases?

A: We're doing really well at this point. We are negative on quite a number of common diseases.

Homman noted that PSF is now tracking farms where repeated incidents have been occurring. Analyzing the incident reports allows the company to identify and focus more closely on these farms. Some of the older facilities do report repeated incidents, and the investigating teams are looking at them closely.

Panel member Ron Hinds commended employee Lisa Becton on a biosecurity presentation she made recently at a meeting of the telephone company. He said the presentation was particularly useful in helping phone company representatives (repair people, line people and others) understand that biosecurity needs of the farms need to be considered when undertaking regular phone company operations. Holman noted that there were a number of companies, agencies and other organizations who needed the same information about biosecurity. "It can be a problem, for example, if an agency wants to make an unscheduled inspection," Holman said. "By working with us, we can work out a way to accommodate what an agency needs to do to ensure regulations are being followed."

Direction and Goals for the CAP

CAP members discussed their past experiences with the panel and what activities or directions the panel might consider taking in the future. Comments included:

- We have to find a direction for what we're doing. I think we tried to tackle way too many issues that cut across farm operations, the production plan and social issues in Milan.
- I like knowing the ins and outs of PSF operations. I like receiving information and updates about activities.
- The panel has gone from one extreme to the other, and now seems to be moving to a middle ground.
- Our input has been listened to and often implemented.
- I'd like to see us work toward improving the quality of life in the area, or at least helping to improve people's attitudes about the region's prospects.
- There are things PSF might do to help regional economic development.
- Perhaps PSF can give the panel a specific assignment to tackle.

Next Meeting

The panel agreed to meet next on Thursday, July 24 at 7 p.m. at the PSF Education Center. In the meantime, panel members will consider frequency of meetings and ideas on future directions for the panel. The panel will also consider electing a chair for each

meeting. The minutes of this meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be provided ahead of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Glynn Young,
Facilitator