

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BROOKLYN-QUEENS AQUIFER FEASIBILITY STUDY

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: October 6, 2005

MINUTES

The 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Brooklyn-Queens Aquifer (BQA) Feasibility Study Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at the Hillside Manor Comprehensive Care Center. (See Attachment A for Attendance List.)

Helen Neuhaus, Helen Neuhaus & Associates (HNA), opened the meeting by asking for comments on Minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting. There were no comments, and the Minutes were adopted unanimously. Ms. Neuhaus noted that all follow-up issues from the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting relate to agenda items that will be discussed later this evening.

Project Update

WSC Site Clean-Up

David Chiusano, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), provided a brief update on the status of work at the West Side Corporation (WSC) site. Mr. Chiusano reported that groundwater samples were collected this week from 15 off-site and 22 on-site wells; data should be available in mid-November.

Mr. Chiusano also provided the following information:

- Electrical work at the site continues.
- DEC continues to coordinate with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding new sewer connections at the site.
- Start-up of the Electrical Resistance Heating (ERH) system is projected for early November, with the system expected to be fully operational by the end of November.
- The WSC site tour and ERH presentation for the CAC and other interested members of the community will be scheduled after the holidays.

Ms. Neuhaus announced that the next WSC progress meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.; Irving Hicks will represent the CAC.

Mr. Chiusano also provided an update on methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) remediation projects in the area. He reported that recent groundwater data suggests that the Citgo and Atlas gas stations are not the source of the MTBE contamination at Station 6. Further investigation will be needed to determine the possible source(s) of contamination.

Station 24

Mr. Chiusano reported that the draft agreement is under legal review by DEP and DEC and is expected to be finalized in the next few months. It is anticipated that DEP will advertise the Station 24 project for bid early next year and that construction will begin in Spring/Summer 2006.

### Station 6

Donald Cohen, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. announced that the response document to the Value Engineering (VE) report was recently submitted to the New York City Office of Management and Budget. A reconciliation meeting with the VE team will be scheduled.

Ms. Neuhaus reported on issues related to art work at the Station 6 plant. She indicated that in advance of the meeting, she spoke with members of the Station 6 Art Subcommittee to inform them of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs' (DCA) decision not to include the Station 6 project in its Percent for Art Program. As a result of DCA's decision, the Workshop that was tentatively scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. In addition, meetings of the Art Subcommittee will be suspended until design work on the Station 6 plant is ready to proceed. In his absence, Ms. Neuhaus communicated Deputy Commissioner Doug Greeley's assurance that DEP is committed to incorporating distinctive artwork at the plant and to giving the community a substantive voice in the process.

### Soil Vapor Intrusion Study

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to an overview of the Soil Vapor Intrusion Study by Bill Wertz, DEC, and a lengthy discussion of DEC and the New York State Department of Health's soil vapor work, both generically and in connection with the WSC site.

### SPDES Permit Application for Groundwater System Wells

Ms. Neuhaus indicated that this item was placed on the agenda to provide an opportunity for Community Boards affected by the SPDES application but not represented on the CAC to discuss the issue (which relates to 15 wells and 4 tanks that discharge to storm sewers in Southeast Queens). Although letters were distributed to the affected Community Boards inviting them to tonight's meeting, none of the Boards were represented. Information relating to the groundwater wells included in the application is being provided to the applicable Community Boards.

It was announced that there will be no CAC meeting in November. The next anticipated CAC event will be the WSC tour and ERH presentation. The CAC will be notified as soon as the event is scheduled.

### Follow-up Items

1. Coordinate CAC representation at October 11<sup>th</sup> (Irving Hicks) and future WSC progress meetings. Responsibility: HNA.
2. Schedule presentation and site visit at WSC site once clean-up is underway. Responsibility: DEP, DEC, Malcolm Pirnie, HNA, Irving Hicks, Thermal Remediation Services.

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Citizens Advisory Committee  
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Attendance List

CAC Members/Alternates

Manuel Caughman  
Community Board #12/Office of  
New York State Assemblyman  
William Scarborough

Jeff Diggs  
Office of Councilman Leroy Comrie

Richard Hellenbrecht  
Community Board #13

Irving Hicks  
Brinkerhoff Action Association

Peter Richards  
Community Board #13

Earl Roberts  
113<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council

Malcolm Smith  
New York State Senator

Fred Simmons  
Residential People for Improvement

Guests

Andy Rousseau  
Resident/New York City Department of  
Environmental Protection

Project Team

Nicole Brown-Williams  
Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

David Chiusano  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

Don Cohen  
Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

Nicole Murry  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

Sara Pecker  
New York City Department of  
Environmental Protection

Helen Neuhaus  
Helen Neuhaus & Associates Inc.

Stephanie Selmer  
New York State Department of Health

Bill Wertz  
New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

Anita Wright  
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