

Advocates for VHA Groundwater Plume Resolution

Meeting Summary

Date: September 25, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm MST

Meeting Objectives

- Introduce new RPM to CAG Members
- Discuss the Program's new direction
- Start planning Public Meeting for January 2020
- Gather feedback from the CAG for the VA

Location

Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center
500 Foothill Drive,
Building 8 – Multi Purpose Center
Salt Lake City, UT 84148

Attendees

Community: Barbara Jones (CAG Chair), Anita Davis, Jon and Susan Hermance

Local Agencies: Dan Moore (SLC Health)

VHA: Shannon Smith, Marc Yalom, Jeremy Laird, Anthony Jarmusz

EA EST: Brooke Stamper

EPA: Mark Aguilar

UDEQ: Thomas Daniels, Dave Allison

SLC Gov.: Vicki Bennett (SLC Gov)

University of Utah: Michael Brehm

Materials Presented

- Summary of 2019 Sampling efforts (Shannon Smith, VHA)

- Program's new direction and future sampling (Shannon Smith, VHA)
- Summa canister demonstration (Marc Yalom, VHA)

Meeting Actions

- Feedback was provided to the VA on how best to communicate with home-owners in the communities adjacent to the Superfund Site.
- The CAG has requested technical review assistance from a 3rd party.
- The Next CAG meeting will be Nov. 13th at 6:30 pm on the VA Campus, Building 8 Multi-Purpose Center.
- A Public Meeting will be held on January 21, 22, or 23rd, 2020.

Issues needing to be addressed

- The website for the Superfund Site has been down for ~1 week.
- New home owners in the community would like their homes tested.
- Existing and new home owners are concerned that there's not incentive for folks to get their homes tested because it may bring down the value of their home.

Meeting Task Items

- Barbara Jones will solidify the details of hiring technical support for the CAG.
- VHA to reach out to home owners whose indoor air will be tested in November 2019.

Next Meeting

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