

# Advocates for VA Groundwater Plume Resolution

## Meeting Summary

**Date:** 23 June 2016

**Time:** 6:30 pm MST

**Meeting Objectives:** Summarize VA field work; and finalize mission statement, membership, leadership, meetings and attendance for Community Advisory Group.

**Location:** Salt Lake City Library: Anderson-Foothill Branch  
210 E 400 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

### Attendees:

VA: Jeremy Laird, D. Lynne Welsh

Avalon BES: Nic Kirkham

EPA: Mark Aguilar, Jasmin Guerra

UDEQ: Tom Daniels, Dave Allison

SLC Elected Official: Erin Mendenhall, Joel Briscoe

SLCO: Dan Moore

Community Members: Jim Webster, Barbara Jones, Kristina Robb, Robin Carbaugh, Anita Davis

### Materials Presented:

PowerPoint (Mr. Laird)

### Meeting Actions:

- VA covered 2016 field work/sampling to date.
  - Groundwater
    - 50 shallow GW locations sampled
    - 10 wells still in place in East Side Springs area
    - 50 surface water samples (seeps, springs and storm water)
    - 3 soil gas samples
  - Indoor Air

- 6 homes and East High School sampled
    - 4 additional homes completed in May, 2016
    - 6 homes resampled with 24 hr SUMMA canisters
  - VA continues to review and validate data collected and plan the next phase of the remedial investigation
- Reviewed Mission Statement – Minor issues/edits addressed
- Reviewed Membership Statement
  - Six active CAG members: Ms. Anita Davis, Ms. Robin Carbaugh, Ms. Barbara Jones, Ms. Kristina Robb, Mr. Kurtis Bleaker, Mr. Jim Webster
  - Members present voted to alter membership numbers defined in membership statement. The maximum members (defined as members of the community) will hereby be ten, with a minimum of six. A simple majority constitutes a quorum. The altered membership statement now reads:

*Advocates for VA Groundwater Plume Resolution will be made up of a diverse group of representatives from the community. The CAG shall consist of a minimum six community members and a maximum of 10 community members. Members of the CAG may also include representatives from the state of Utah, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Veterans Affairs. The CAG secretary shall maintain the official membership list. The list will designate voting and non-voting members as determined by the CAG with a simple majority of voting members present constituting a quorum.*

- A 'tie' provision was suggested to address the possibility of an impasse. VA expressed interest in understanding both sides of the issue as any potential impasse would be important for VA to understand and acknowledge.
  - The group discussed methods of increasing membership. It was suggested that the group engage influential individuals in the community to increase general awareness.
  - At the next meeting CAG membership will be at the top of the agenda so that the group can establish roles and finalize the administrative responsibilities.
- Bike rack/ issues raised – *Some of these issues were addressed, the explanations/answers are summarized here.*
  - Does PCE get worst over time?
  - How does using air conditioning influence PCE in the home?
    - *EPA and UDEQ representatives established that running an air conditioning unit in the home will help force any potential PCE from the home and will minimize the risk.*

- Is there additional or continued contamination happening now?
- How does PCE impact human health?
- Why didn't VA test homes it had originally planned on testing?
  - *Ms. D. Lynne Welsh (VA) and EPA and UDEQ officials explained the multi-pronged investigative nature of the remedial project and how the 'focus area' shifts as data is collected through air, water and soil.*
- What is the groundwater/subterranean composition of the area?
- How to improve community education? How to establish a common language that educates neighbors and communities?
  - *A fact sheet was recommended*
- The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) health assessment
- What if groundwater is daylighting inside of a structure/home?

An online doodle poll was conducted to establish a meeting date and time that corresponds better with other city/community-wide meeting. The following date and time was decided through the online poll:

Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 2016

6:30 pm

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