

Advocates for VHA Groundwater Plume Resolution

Meeting Summary

Date: January 24, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm MST

Meeting Objectives

Update of AOU-1 and OU-2 activities. Discussion of Administrative Record Repository.

Location

Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center
500 Foothill Drive,
Building 9 – Auditorium
Salt Lake City, UT 84148

Attendees

Community: Barbara Jones (CAG Chair), Anita Davis, Jim Webster, Jamie Schill

Local Agencies: Debbie Lyons (Sustainability Division Director), Dan Moore (SLC Health Department)

VHA: Donna Bell, Lynne Welsh, Sarah Romero (Avalon BES)

EPA: Chris Wardell, Mark Aguilar

UDEQ: Thomas Daniels, Dave Allison

Materials Presented

- Update on AOU-1 (Donna Bell, VHA)
- OU-2 Remedial Investigation Work Plan (Donna Bell, VHA)
- Historical Records Review (Donna Bell, VHA)
- The Administrative Record Repository (Sarah Romero, Avalon BES)

Meeting Actions

- Group decided to hold the next meeting on March 28, 2018.

Meeting Issues Raised (*VHA, EPA, UDEQ, and USGS responses italicized*)

→ What is a Soil-Gas Sampling? Have we done them before?

Soil-gas sampling measures the PCE/TCE gas contained in the spaces between the grains of the soil. We have done soil-gas sampling before at the VHA property, but they were shallow. In OU-2 field work, we are going to go deeper into the ground to do the soil gas samples to have better representative results.

→ How does the weather impact the field work?

Mild inclement weather should not impede work; however, safety is always a priority. Hazardous weather will halt the drilling temporarily until safe working conditions are restored.

→ Is there going to be a community notification for the start of the field work?

VHA will be briefing local legislators, contacting neighborhood councils in the Plume area and offering OU-2 presentations, posting information on the Plume webpage and placing flyers in neighborhoods affected by drilling.

Meeting Task Items

- OU-2 Field Work mobilization is scheduled to begin in March 2018
- VHA proposes to have the AR available in an electronic format beginning FY2019

Next Meeting

Wednesday March 28, 2018
6:30 pm
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