

Advocates for VA Groundwater Plume Resolution

Meeting Summary

Date: October 25, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm MST

Meeting Objectives

Advocates for VA Groundwater Plume Resolution vote on TASC vs TAG.

Location

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

Attendees

Community: Robin Carbaugh (acting CAG Chair), Brian King (State Representative), Anita Davis, Jim Webster, Steve Mason

Local Agencies: Dan Moore (SLC Health Department), Jesse Stewart (SLC Public Utilities)

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

EPA: Chris Wardell

UDEQ: Tom Daniels, Dave Allison

Materials Presented

- Confirmatory Sampling: 2017 Validated Data and 2015 Data Usability (Jeremy Laird, VA)
- Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) & Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) 'TASC vs TAG' (Chris Wardell, EPA)

Meeting Actions

- Group voted to not move forward with a Technical Assistance Needs Assessment (TANA).

- Group voted to move forward with EPA's Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC).
- Group decided to hold the next meeting on January 24, 2018.

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

- How does VA protect your personal information during sampling events and laboratory analysis?
 - *To protect your personal property information, VA gave each property sampled a random unique identifier. This identifier is used in all reports that are part of the Administrative and Project Record, including sampling events, and laboratory analysis. In addition, only those identifiers are referenced in any VA and contractor reports. Maps are constructed so that individual locations are not identifiable.*
- Does the PCE plume affect the artesian well in 800 S 500 E water quality?
 - The artesian well at Liberty Park (800 S 500 E) is sampled periodically by the SLC Public Utilities. It does not contain PCE or its derivatives has been detected in this artesian well but the water does contain a natural source of perchlorate and informational signs are posted there.*

Meeting Task Items

- EPA has started the TASC process for the CAG.

Next Meeting

Wednesday January 24, 2018
6:30 pm
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