

TOXICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2002

A meeting of the Toxics Advisory Committee was held at the Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, PA. Members or alternates present were:

Delaware
Rick Greene

Pennsylvania
William Goman

Environmental / Watershed
Dr. Laurel Standley
Maya Van Rossum

Industry
Larry Sandeen

Academia
Dr. David Velinsky

Public Health Interest
Not represented

New Jersey
Tom Belton

Municipal
Dennis Blair

Agriculture
Not Represented

New York
Not represented

Resources
Tim Kubiak

U.S. EPA
Charles App

Delaware River Basin Commission
Carol Collier
Dr. Thomas Fikslin
John Yagecic

Other Attendees
Dr. Thomas Church
Carol Ann Davis, EPA Region III
Dr. Roland Hemmett, EPA Region II
Chris Jepson, BCM Engineers
Roy Romano, Philadelphia Water Dept.
Tom Harlukowicz, PSEG

I. Recommendations & Agreements

No Recommendations or agreements were identified.

II. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Standley, Chair of the Toxics Advisory Committee, at 10:15 am.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2002 and June 15, 2002

The TAC reviewed the May 7, 2002 meeting minutes. Changes to the May 7, 2002 minutes were recommended. A motion was made by Mr. App to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Greene seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The TAC reviewed the June 15, 2002 meeting minutes. Changes to the June 15, 2002 minutes were recommended. A motion was made by Mr. Greene to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. App seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. DELEP Update

Mr. App updated the TAC on recent DELEP and EPA developments including the following:

- DELEP created a newspaper insert, which was carried in many local Sunday newspapers throughout the basin. Copies of the insert can also be downloaded from the internet.
- DELEP identified 17 applicants in its search for a new director. That list was narrowed to 7 qualified applicants, and the top candidates were interviewed by a selection panel on November 8, 2002. The panel is very close to making a recommendation.
- The DELEP Steering Committee discussed the \$600K PCB funding shortfall. Through their discussions, the Committee has potentially identified funding to fill about half of the shortfall, and discussions will continue in the hopes of finding the remainder of the needed funding.
- Proposed internal reorganizations at EPA Region 3 may result in changes to EPA representation to the TAC and DELEP.
- Dr. Fikslin indicated that following conference calls in September and November and the anticipated DELEP Steering Committee meeting in December, DELEP is working toward developing a “Common Message” on fish advisories. One element of that common message may include employing the most stringent state fish consumption advisory for interstate waters. A diagram is under development, and the states and DELEP are discussing the technical and policy issues associated with each states advisory procedure. In addition, Ms. Van Rossum indicated that DELEP and the Riverkeeper have agreed that neither organization will release its version of the advisory compendium until both have had the opportunity to review, to ensure that both are working toward the same message.

V. TAC Appointments

Dr. Fikslin updated the group on new and renewed TAC appointments:

- Mr. Sandeen has been appointed the Industrial Representative;
- Ms. Van Rossum has been re-appointed as one of the two Environmental / Watershed Representatives;
- Dr. Velinsky has been appointed the Academic Representative;
- Dr. Church has been appointed as an alternate Academic Representative to Dr. Velinsky.

VI. Symposium Summary and Discussion

In the absence of Dr. Brown, the group decided to defer detailed discussions until a later TAC meeting.

VII. PCB Trackdown Study Update

Mr. Belton indicated that CCMUA is awaiting funding from DRBC to implement its trackdown study. The CCMUA study will include both PISCES and whole water sampling, but will probably need to be deferred until spring to avoid problems associated with freezing. The CCMUA study area would focus on collectors in Camden and portions of Gloucester.

Mr. Blair said that Philadelphia's trackdown study was underway, with the first sampling events having been performed in October. Sampling focused on wet weather flows in the Southeast plant collection system, in the main interceptor and various points. Philadelphia's trackdown study is using analytical method 1668A.

Mr. Greene indicated that Wilmington has completed a draft trackdown study plan. They are awaiting the completion of a model of the collection system and installation of flow monitoring equipment in selected CSOs. Collection of samples could begin in the spring.

VIII. Update on the PCB Water Quality Criteria Subcommittee

Dr. Fikslin indicated that the subcommittee continued to work toward a recommendation. The group had made progress on many issues, but several items were still being discussed, including:

- Incorporation of a probabilistic analysis;
- the form of the criteria;
- interim water quality targets.

Dr. Fikslin indicated that the subcommittee anticipated making their recommendations to the TAC within the next few months.

IX. Follow up to Assignment of outstanding Issues to Subcommittees and Panels

In the absence of Mr. Ruiter, the group decided to defer this issue until a later TAC meeting.

X. Revisit Recommendation for DRBC Lead Criteria

In the absence of Mr. Lubow, the group decided to defer this issue until a later TAC meeting.

XI. Scheduling of Topics and Dates for Upcoming TAC Meetings

- A meeting between the Expert Panel and TAC was confirmed for January 10, 2002.
- Mid February was targeted for the next TAC meeting.

XII. Public Comment

No public comments were presented at this time.

XIII. Adjourned

Dr. Velinsky motioned to adjourn. Mr. Sandeen seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.