

Minnesota 3M PFC Settlement
Agenda for Citizen – Business Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cottage Grove City Hall – Training Room
12800 Ravine Parkway South, Cottage Grove

Meeting Purpose:

- Develop a shared understanding of the geography of the PFAS problem
- Review and finalize working group charter
- Begin to develop a shared understanding of goals and process

1. Welcome	Kirk Koudelka – MPCA Barb Naramore – DNR Mark Lorie – Abt Associates	10 minutes
2. Understanding of Current Conditions – Geography of the Problem	Jim Kelly – Minnesota Department of Health	60 minutes
3. Discussion of Goals	Terill Hollweg – Abt Associates	30 minutes
4. Break		10 minutes
5. Presentation on sequencing steps	Jennifer Peers – Abt Associates Kirk Koudelka – MPCA Barb Naramore – DNR	30 minutes
6. Working Group Charter	Terill Hollweg – Abt Associates	15 minutes
7. Public comments and questions	Mark Lorie – Abt Associates	25 minutes

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Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance:

Julie Bunn		Katie Johnston-Goodstar
Betsy Daub		Jack Lavold
David Filipiak		Michael Madigan
Charlotte Flint		Barbara Ronningen
Jeff Holtz		Dave Schulenberg
Mark Jenkins		Monica Stiglich
Bruce Johnson		Kirk Koudelka
David Johnson		Barb Naramore
Steven Johnson		Steve Colvin (DNR alternate)

Kirk Koudelka and Barb Naramore welcomed the group. They noted that the new location at the City of Cottage Grove facility will be the location for this group going forward as it is larger than the previous location.

Presentation on PFAS Current Condition

Mr. Jim Kelly and Ms. Karla Peterson (Minnesota Department of Health) gave a presentation on the history of PFAS, migration in surface and groundwater, health-based values, and community water systems.

Program Goals

The group reviewed and discussed a draft of overall program goals intended to guide the planning process. These were developed based on the priorities identified in the 2018 Settlement Agreement and the visioning exercises conducted by this group and by the Government-3M Work Group at the July meeting, and include goals related to implementation, planning, governance, public outreach, and monitoring/evaluation/learning. Group members will be asked to provide written comments. Those comments, along with ideas generated during the discussion, will be incorporated into a revised goals document before the September meeting.

Sequencing

The group discussed the overall steps needed to get from beginning to end of the planning process, starting with drinking water supply, and moving to groundwater and other resources in the future, when appropriate. These phases include:

- Startup: Before beginning planning, we will be laying the groundwork for the functioning of the working groups and technical subgroups (e.g. charters, goals, project criteria), and for understanding the problem. We are currently in this phase.

- Planning: The main work of the working groups and subgroups is to identify, evaluate and recommend alternatives consisting of individual projects and/or groups of projects at a range of scales (individual household up to regional).
- Implementation: Once decisions are made about what to do, the implementation will include project design and monitoring planning, cost agreements, environmental review (as necessary), project implementation, monitoring and reporting of projects, and communication about overall program progress.

These phases will overlap somewhat. For example, we may need to revise the charters and goals while in the planning phase, or we may want to develop a process whereby some important opportunities can be implemented while we are still in the planning phase.

Charter and Housekeeping Details

The group reviewed a revised version of the charter. Members will be asked to provide final comments, and the charter will then be finalized and posted.

Three members volunteered to serve as liaisons to the Government and 3M Working Group, which involves participating in the meeting the following day each month to provide a perspective from the Citizen-Business Group and reporting back to the Citizen-Business Group. The group decided Monica Stiglich will serve as the liaison to the Government and 3M Working Group.

The group discussed that agendas, notes and presentations from the working group meetings should be posted and remain on the public website. Members were asked to provide examples of website organizational structures that they find user-friendly that we might emulate.

Action Items

1. Members will provide comments to MPCA/DNR (Walker Smith) by Friday, September 7 for the following:
 - a. Revised charter (final comments)
 - b. Program Goals
 - c. Website archive organizational structure examples
2. MPCA/DNR will post information from the July and August meetings on a public website.

Public Comments and Questions

Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions. It was confirmed that subgroups are still being assembled, subgroup meetings will be open to the public, the public will have access to presentation materials, and a high-level summary of public comments will be included in future meeting notes. Other topics discussed included: the 2007 Settlement Agreement and Consent Order (Consent Order), how hydrology and geology can be used to understand where contaminants will migrate, the potential need for consultants for implementation, and that cities are working on their 2040 comprehensive plans. Additionally, it was noted that the Consent Order refers to Health-Based Values (HBVs), not a specific concentration or PFAS compound. If those HBVs become lower in the future, or additional related compounds have Health-Based Values set, the Consent Order would apply to affected areas.