

## USEPA - AMCO Superfund Site - Community Advisory Group Meeting

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Detailed below are the topics discussed at the June 15, 2009 AMCO Superfund Site Community Advisory Group meeting. Below the topics discussed are the public comments grouped by topic.

### Superfund Process

- Site discovered in 1990s
- Remedial Investigation (RI)
  - Public and technologist hired with the Technical Assistance Grant reviewed the RI
- Current stage: Feasibility Study
  - EPA wants the public to form a Community Advisory Group (CAG) at this stage in the Superfund process to ensure that they are involved in the steps that lead to the final remedy selection.
- RoseMarie's version of the Draft RI with comments will be available to the public at the end of the summer, but in the mean time the Draft RI without comments is available to the public in the Information Repository and on the website.

### Community Advisory Group (CAG)

- What is a CAG?
  - It is up to the community to determine what they want it to be.
  - The public is responsible for encouraging others to participate and assisting with public outreach.
  - EPA requests that CAG participants commit to the group for at least one year.
  - Public determines recruitment, meeting times, meeting dates, officers, number of meetings, etc.
  - EPA provides support to CAG when possible, but does not dictate what CAG discusses in their meetings.

### AMCO Superfund Site CAG

The community members decided to meet again at 6:30 PM on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Gateway Housing on Mandela Parkway and 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Will most likely meet one week after receipt of technical information.
- EPA will provide logistical and administrative assistance to CAG, as necessary.

- Brian, from the West Oakland Environmental Advocacy Group, offered to lead the June 29<sup>th</sup> CAG meeting.
- The agenda would tentatively include the following:
  - Structure of CAG - (determine recruitment, meeting times, meeting dates, officers, number of meetings, etc.)
  - Discuss technical aspects of the project, including the following:
    - ⇒ Bringing new neighbors up to speed on the history of the Site.
    - ⇒ The purpose of the wells and air sampling.
    - ⇒ Discussing the technologies being considered for cleanup.

EPA encouraged the public to call and/or email Leana with questions, comments and/or concerns regarding the AMCO Superfund Site and the CAG.

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#### Public Comments from the June 15, 2009 CAG Meeting

<b>CAG</b>
Green Action recommended and offered to assist the CAG in obtaining the Rose Foundation Environmental Fund \$1000 grant to pay for refreshments.
<b>Public Meetings</b>
Location and accessibility of meetings is key to public turnout.
Provide TAG and CAG timelines as they relate to the Superfund process.
Should hold informational meetings more frequently, because it has been too long since the last meeting (in October 2007).
Spanish speaking community may not feel comfortable attending a CAG meeting, because the discussion will be in English. They feel more comfortable attending information meetings.
The message (in fact sheets, flyers, public notices, etc.) must be compelling to convince the public to attend meetings.
South Prescott Park is a good location for informational meetings, because the white tent draws attention.
The "open house" setup with a couple of hours to peruse stations before EPA presents information to the group is what the community prefers.
Informational meetings that are three hours, 4 – 7 or 5 – 8 are preferred. (As long as it is still daylight).
The public specifically requested that EPA bring the June indoor air sampling results to the July/August Public Meeting.
<b>Public Outreach</b>
The public expressed frustration with the outreach activities performed by EPA for the AMCO Superfund Site.
Green Action requested that EPA use a common language to address cumulative impact.
The public suggested that EPA attend other community meetings to announce AMCO meetings. The following organization's meetings were suggested by Ms. Parkinson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCPC</li> <li>• WOCAG</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redevelopment of West Oakland (RWOLPAC?)</li> <li>• Cedar..?</li> <li>• West Oakland Environmental Advocacy Group (Brian is the point of contact)</li> </ul> <p>(Ms. Parkinson gave Leana Rosetti permission to contact her for more specific information about the meetings, and other community meetings, listed above.)</p>
<p>Advertise that Spanish translators will be available for Spanish speakers.</p>
<p>Not everyone in the neighborhood receives fact sheets.</p>
<p>Provide directions to meeting locations in fact sheets, public notices and flyers.</p>
<p>EPA should explain how houses are selected for indoor air and soil sampling.</p>
<p><b><i>Technology Evaluation</i></b></p>
<p>The public and Green Action wants to know what technologies are being evaluated.</p>
<p>The public and Green Action wants to know how the technologies are being evaluated.</p>
<p>The public was concerned that the Site Manager's aggressive cleanup schedule will not allow time for the public to review information regarding the technological options.</p>