

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 20, 2006  
@ 3:00 P.M., Room 003  
Carroll County Office Building**



**James E. Slater, Jr., AICP, QEP  
Environmental Compliance Officer  
225 N. Center Street  
Westminster MD 21157-5194  
410.386.2756**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Karen Merkle, Chair  
Robyn Gilden, Vice Chair  
Sher Horosko  
Brian Rhoten  
Jim Johnson  
David Pyatt

**Members Absent:** None

**County Government:** Cynthia Parr, County Commissioners Office  
Timothy Feeser, County Commissioners Office  
James E. Slater, Jr., Office of Environmental Compliance  
Perry Jones, Commissioner  
Terri Jones, Deputy County Attorney  
Kim Millender, County Attorney  
Tom Devilbiss, Chief, Bureau of Resource Management  
Chris Swam, Media Production Specialist  
Steven Horn, Director, Department of Planning  
Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC

**The Press:** Laura McCandlish, Baltimore Sun

**Other Attendees:** Kent Martin, Plant Manager, Lehigh Heidelberg Cement Group  
Ed Morton, Lehigh Heidelberg Cement Group  
Vince Campanella, C & A Associates  
Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council Member  
Ed Singer, Carroll County Health Department

---

**CALL TO ORDER** - Ms. Merkle, Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M., by asking for approval of the August 16, 2006, minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION NO. 48:** Motion was made by David Pyatt, and seconded by Robyn Gilden, to approve the minutes of August 16, 2006, as presented. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Mr. Jim Slater advised the EAC that he received a letter from Lehigh Heidelberg Cement Group, Union Bridge Plant, regarding the temporary use extension to the Zoning Ordinance, for a one-year period, to expire November 4, 2007, which will be presented by Biosolids Work Team Chair Sher Horosko and team member, David Pyatt, following the Lehigh presentation.

**OPEN FORUM** - no concerns of citizens were presented.

**PRESENTATION** – Mr. Kent Martin, Plant Manager of Lehigh Heidelberg Cement Group, Union Bridge Plant, presented Lehigh’s progress and challenges they experienced in testing biosolid combustion, titled, “A Sustainable Use for Biosolids” (a copy of Mr. Martin’s presentation is a part of these minutes); followed by Mr. Martin and Ed Morton fielding Council questions on the combustion testing and Lehigh’s extension request.

Ms. Merkle thanked Mr. Martin for the biosolids combustion testing progress presentation. As Mr. Slater informed the Council earlier under Communications, Lehigh is requesting an extension of one-year to the temporary use ordinance.

**Lehigh Biosolids Work Group Update:**

Ms. Sher Horosko and Mr. David Pyatt in response to Lehigh's letter, asked the EAC to make a motion to the Board of County Commissioners for extending Lehigh's temporary use of Ordinance No. 05-09/Section 223-26 for an additional one-year period. Following council discussion, the EAC concluded a motion be made to extend the present ordinance for one (1) year. Sher Horosko made a motion, seconded by David Pyatt. Motion carried.

**MOTION NO. 49: "The EAC recommends to the Board of County Commissioners that they grant to Lehigh, a one-year extension of the temporary use amendment to Ordinance No. 05-09/Section 223-26 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County, to expire on November 4, 2007."**

**UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**MTBE Work Team Update** – On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the MTBE Work Team and Mr. Slater met with MDE on several issues: 1) updates on the 61 open remediation cases in Carroll county; 2) EAC to collaborate with the CCHD to have the OEC set up a database for relating information to the Council each month about the progress of open cases since MDE does not have the staff or time to create a database with the information the Council is requesting 3) discussion on the CCHD's FAQ and finalization thereof. Mr. Singer will furnish Mr. Slater with the latest draft of the FAQ for the work team's review and website posting.

Ms. Gilden stated the FAQ's can be utilized beyond the website i.e. mailings to citizens in proximity to spills, displayed at County events, ask Commissioners to take supply along with them at their engagements, and possibly supplying gas stations. The MTBE work team will discuss this and bring back a list of recommended uses of FAQ.

Discussion by Council on MTBE homeowner misinformation, cooperation, challenges of house marketability and MDE's prioritization obstacles ended by Ms. Gilden stating that MDE has no set time limits but their primary focus is stopping exposure and contact, then cleanup.

Mr. Ed Singer, Director of the CCHD added that in his experience, MDE focuses on cutting off exposure, installing carbon filtration, eliminating potential sources, and trying to have cleanup done voluntarily before costly legal actions proceedings.

Chair Merkle asked the Council if they wish MDE to come back and present on a specific case study. Several members voiced desire to do so. The work team will discuss further.

**Channel 24 MTBE Video Presentation** – The EAC viewed the 16-minute video, which summarized how citizens can do their part, ended with applauding Chris Swam and Cindy Parr for assisting the EAC in expeditiously putting this video together, which has aired since September 1, 2006.

**Update on Council efforts toward development of residential UST removal program** – Mr. Slater announced the UST meeting with local fuel companies has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at Carroll Community College, Room T-315, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Invitations will again be sent. Mr. Slater stated we could ask NORA (National Oilheat Research Alliance) to speak or utilize them as a resource for education and outreach by broadcasting their video.

Ms. Parr and Mr. Swam received MDE approval on a video they produced on Underground Storage Tanks (UST) which will air in early December, 2006.

Chair Merkle again thanked them and asked for their assistance in future environmental topics utilizing videos for public awareness and education.

**Health Department Update On Cases** – Mr. Ed Singer briefed the EAC on Sullivan Mobile Home Park, Hoffmanville Road and a Shell station on the County line. Mr. Singer stated over 300 properties are involved in 16 sites in Carroll County and the life of an UST is 15-20 years. At that time, it should be tested or removed.

**2006 Environmental Awareness Awards Committee Report** – The committee will be meeting prior to the October EAC meeting to finalize the application structure; e-mailing to EAC members for their review in order to begin community sponsor solicitation and website posting.

**Water and Waste Management Team Update**– Mr. Jim Johnson gave an update on his involvement as a member of the Waste To Energy Committee, a multi-County endeavor, stating the possible options the County is investigating and he indicated that a final decision is still quite a ways out, approximately three (3) years.

Mr. David Pyatt added that water issues have a very long timeline and the County, as we all know, are strongly looking at reservoir sources of Gillis Falls and Union Mills.

At this point, a lengthy discussion among EAC members ensued regarding getting off point on the established Council priority of pursuing issues related to water. Since it appears that County and municipal officials and employees are tackling the supply issues, several council members offered that there are other issues to consider such as water conservation, water quality and related educational topics. Ms. Merkle asked the Water and Waste Management Work Team to recommend a clearly defined topic that the Council can pursue with a clear purpose and benefit to citizens, get their arms around, take action and progress toward results and move on to the next priority.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Slater asked the EAC if there would be sufficient interest in touring the Colonial Pipeline late afternoon this year. Majority concurred. Mr. Slater will arrange the tour and contact the EAC as it materializes.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS:** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chair Merkle announced the October EAC meeting will be held on October 18, 2006.

**ADJOURN - MOTION NO. 50:** Motion made by Mr. Jim Johnson, seconded by Brian Rhoten to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 18, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 003. **Please let the secretary know if you will not be able to attend.**

H:\Environmental and Resource Protection\ECO Files\EAC\MINUTES\2006\September 20, 2006