

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 15, 2006
@ 3:00 P.M., Room 003
Carroll County Office Building**



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NOTES

This document is titled “NOTES”; not official minutes due to the lack of a quorum.

Members Present:	David Pyatt, Acting Chair Brian Rhoten Christopher Spaar	Members Absent:	Sher Horosko Jim Johnson Robyn Gilden Karen Merkle Bob Foor-Hogue
County Government:	James E. Slater, Jr., Office of Environmental Compliance Terri Jones, Esquire, County Attorney’s Office Tom Devilbiss, Chief, Bureau of Resource Management Ann L. Baugher, Secretary to EAC		
The Press:	Carrie Knauer, Carroll County Times		
Other Attendees:	Ellen Cutsail, Union Bridge Council Member Charles Zeleski, Carroll County Health Department Cody Saville, Carroll Land Service, Inc.		

CALL TO ORDER – Acting Chair, Mr. David Pyatt, officially called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Approval of the October 18, 2006 minutes was tabled until the December 2006 meeting, due to lack of a quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

OPEN FORUM - None

PRESENTATION – None

UNFINISHED OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

MTBE - Health Department Update On Cases – Mr. Charles Zeleski, CCHD reported on all case changes since the October, 2006, EAC meeting:

Crown Station, Hampstead – Subdivision project has fallen through. Adjoining vacant house may be torn down.

Finksburg 140 Exxon – Well was taken off-line for testing and a potable tanker truck was available on-site during this time. Well is now back on-line.

Finksburg – Development of an old area that has some Colonial Pipeline running through it prompted MDE to send a letter to AT&T, who owns the right-of-way for authorization to remove if development approval is granted.

Sullivan Mobile Home Park – Owner wants to put another well he has on-line. MDE has reservations since drawing from this well may pull contaminants into this well from the contaminated one. Issues not resolved.

Graves Run/Hoffmanville – Levels have increased. More studies and sampling to be done by MDE and the CCHD beginning the week of November 20, 2006.

Gamber – Five (5) monitoring wells were drilled and “sniff testing” indicated petroleum in the soil samples. Further testing being done.

Mr. David Pyatt thanked Mr. Zeleski for the update.

MTBE database – Mr. Slater stated the progress is being made, but not yet completed.

Update on extension - Lehigh Biosolids Storage – Extension was granted and Lehigh has applied to MDE for change in fuel source since Syangro does not generate enough biosolids for Lehigh to utilize.

Saw Mill Road Cleanup Update – Clean-up has begun. County personnel met as well as Mr. Slater met with Mr. Hepner. Benton Watson, Bureau Chief of Roads Operations, had a crew cut an access road through to remove a twenty-year accumulation of several hundred tires, including a washing machine drum, a truck fuel tank, etc. Projected completion date is on or before mid-December, pending weather.

COMMITTEE/WORK TEAM REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water and Wastewater Management Work Team Update– Mr. Chris Spaar said their work team has concluded conversation on matters of water sources, conservation, watershed issues, wastewater disposal matters and how they affect growth, health and safety in Carroll County until they see what role they can play. Their goal remains closing any gaps that exist in these areas, when known.

Free water conservation devices, along with a list of items available for purchase through the Bureau of Utilities, were given to Council members. Handouts of the County’s water conservation budget, audit and water conservation device sale activity was distributed. This included a list of water and sewer “tips” printed on public water/sewer bills. A link has been placed on the EAC website to the Utilities website regarding water conservation, etc.

Environmental Awareness Awards Committee – Mr. Slater said the documents will be forwarded to all EAC members in a PDF format for review and possible action at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **“Change a Light, Change the World” – EPA campaign** – Discussion to approach local businesses – Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Target, etc. to set up drop-off sites for disposing of old CFL (compact fluorescent lights) through an independent recycling vendor minimizing landfill disposal. No action taken.

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Issues for consideration - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Acting Chair Pyatt announced the December EAC meeting will be held on December 20, 2006.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 3:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 20, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 003. **Please let the secretary know if you will not be able to attend.**