

KIPP Ad-Hoc Committee Report – June 12, 2012 SASYNA Council Meeting

May 11 – DNR issues another Update (see here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/documents/kipp/>) noting that recent soil tests in backyards of nine houses on Marquette St found no PCBs, but did find Volatile Organic Compounds behind one house. Additional sampling, and possible soil removal, is being considered.

May 16 – Lenny Siegel, Exec. Director of Center for Public Environmental Oversight and vapor intrusion expert, visited to assist. He and Lance met with Mark Meunier, Kipp executive, and had brief tour behind Kipp plant, then met with Madison/Dane Co and Wisconsin Public Health officials (John Hausbeck and Hnery Nehls-Lowe). After Siegel had dinner with SASYNA members, he spoke at a Community Workshop in Plymouth Church, sponsored by Senator Fred Risser, Rep. Chris Taylor, Alder Marsha Rummel and the SASYNA. Siegel explained vapor intrusion and helped us understand how the community could respond to this situation, using examples from around the country. The group decided to try to form a more “official” citizen’s advisory group to restore trust between the parties involved through meetings and better communications, utilize the knowledge of the community to advise the process, identify and address all of the concerns of the community and reach a more comprehensive and better resolution.

May 23 – Letter sent to Linda Hanefeld, Wisconsin DNR, requesting formation of a “citizen’s advisory group” as decided at Lenny Siegel workshop, signed by Lou Host-Jablonski, Rep Chris Taylor, Sen Fred Risser, and Marsha Rummel.

June 1 – DNR issues another Update. Kipp’s consultant (Arcadis) submitted immediate action workplan_for investigating and cleaning up PCB contamination, also being co-reviewed by the US Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Region 5 staff. Arcadis also released a workplan_to characterize the bedrock underneath the Madison Kipp Property.

June 3-22 – Lance Green, after talking with Mike Schmoller, DNR, visits 15 more houses on Dixon and Corry Streets requesting more homeowners to allow PCE vapor testing sub-slab and in their basements, to better define area of affected homes.

June 14 – Gary Karch and Lance Green met with Rep Chris Taylor, an aide from Sen Risser’s office, and several DNR staff to discuss formation of a “citizen’s advisory group.” There is no Wisconsin law or program to make this kind of “official” citizen’s group, but the DNR will work with such a group. The SASYNA ipp Ad Hoc Committee will begin work to help form this group.

