

**WINDSOR CROSBY 25-3 NATURAL GAS WELL BLOWOUT
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
CLARK RECREATIONAL CENTER
JULY 10, 2007 7:00 PM**

Purpose: WDEQ seeking Public Input on a draft Public Participation Plan and draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (agenda attached)

Attendees: See attached sign up sheet.

The meeting started with introductions from presenters sitting at the head of the meeting room and then, members of the audience.

Vickie Meredith/WDEQ thanked the public for attending the meeting and asked them to follow some basic ground rules; 1) be respectful with no personal attacks, 2) limit comments to 5 minutes and 3) limit the comments to the Crosby 25-3 Blowout.

Kathy Brown/WDEQ provided a history of the events leading up to the meeting including the involvement from different divisions/programs within the agency; first, with the spill response team, then the Water Quality Division, Groundwater Pollution Control (WQ/GPC) and finally, the Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (SHWD), Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP). WQ/GPC issued a notice of violation and agreed to settle. Windsor would post a \$300,000 bond and would drill additional monitoring wells to be sampled one time. Some members of the public felt the settlement and bond amount were inadequate. Ms. Brown explained the settlement and bond issue were done under the purview of WQ/GPC and those comments should be directed to that division/program.

Windsor had two options for cleanup under the SHWD; an order or enter into the VRP. Windsor chose to enter the VRP to conduct an investigation and cleanup. As part of the VRP eligibility determination and subsequent public responses to comments, Windsor was requested to prepare a Public Participation Plan (Plan). Windsor provided a Plan to VRP, VRP reviewed the Plan, and the revised Plan was sent to members of the public that requested a Plan for review. Also, Windsor prepared a Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP). VRP is asking for the public to comment on the revised Plan and the RIWP. Below is a list of the comments and if answered during the meeting the answer is below the question. In some cases the VRP staff followed up on the comment after the meeting (e.g. public notice wording/adjacent landowner letters).

Public Comments:

- 1) The comment period needs to be extended since some members of the public did not receive the Plan until July 6 or 7.
 - a. Public comment period extended to July 27, 2007
- 2) What is the purpose of the Plan? How will WDEQ and Windsor incorporate comments/concerns from the public throughout the process?
- 3) A resident nearest to the blowout was very frustrated because they did not receive a copy of the Plan and felt they should have been kept better informed.
 - a. It was later determined the resident did receive the adjacent landowner letter which gave them the opportunity to request a Public Participation Plan. Because the resident did not request a Plan, they did not receive the draft documents. Based on discussions about the adjacent landowner letter and how the public interpreted it, the VRP recognized that the intent of the information in the letter was not effectively communicated. The VRP agreed to review the language in the letter and revise as needed. The VRP also committed to doing a better job of keeping the public informed.

- 4) Strike Section 3.3 of the Plan.
- 5) Use evacuation plan contacts as the mailing list/contact list.
- 6) The public notice needs to be more explicit of what is being asked.
 - a. VRP has revised the public notice wording.
- 7) Adjacent landowner letters need to be looked at to make sure it is clear where the public can be involved.
- 8) You need to have the Plan (or any other document requested for review) available at the meeting.
 - a. VRP staff agreed.
- 9) The owners of the common ground need to be notified.
 - a. Windsor is attempting to obtain landowner consent for drilling.
- 10) WDEQ needs to make a mailing list.
 - a. VRP asked that residents put their mailing address on the sign up sheet in order to build a mailing list.
- 11) What about the third party liability claims in the common ground where the landowners in the common ground do not prevent exposures?
 - a. Windsor attorney explained that the Innocent Owner statute is related to innocent landowner status, not third party liability.
- 12) Both the Plan and the RIWP need to have stated goals and objectives on how to meet the goals.
- 13) The RIWP needs to identify “who” is going to pay for cleanup.
- 14) What about the “other” springs in the area?
- 15) A groundwater flow map for entire reach should be prepared and should include private wells.
- 16) The RIWP should identify fracture zones.
- 17) The Clark Resource Council (CRC) would like analytical data from the absorbent socks used to collect hydrocarbons in the springs.
 - a. Windsor agreed to provide.
- 18) Static water levels should be measured before and after sampling of the wells.
 - a. Windsor expressed some resistance to this because of the ambiguity of the data.
- 19) Windsor needs to figure out a way to get fracture data near private wells.
- 20) The Bennett pad well needs to be added.
 - a. Windsor agreed to do this.
- 21) In the absence of a full understanding of groundwater conditions (i.e. ‘where water is going’), all wells should be tested on a quarterly basis; including Sands Dickson’s private well.
- 22) There needs to be a time table for cleanup.
- 23) What about constituents of concern that can’t be analyzed? The wells need to be tested.
 - a. Windsor evaluating the drilling fluids and chemicals used to “kill the well”.
 - b. Some analytes don’t have test methods (e.g. gluteraldehyde)
 What about research labs?
- 24) Where should the information repository be? Powell/Cody?
- 25) What about new groundwater monitoring wells to be added to the monitoring program?
- 26) Add maps to reports.

Action Items:

- 1) VRP will provide additional time for public comment, then based on significance of the comments will determine whether another public meeting is needed.
- 2) An opinion is needed on whether drilling is allowable if access is not provided by all of the landowners in the common ground.

Comments need to be sent to Kathy Brown, 510 Meadowview Drive, Lander, Wy 82520
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