

Parker Street Waste Site Public Information Plan Meeting
Keith Middle School Community Room
April 14, 2010
6:00 – 9:00pm

Revised Draft Agenda

Meeting Goals:

- Provide an update of the City's recent activity and next steps on City-owned property at the Parker Street site
- Receive community input and questions about the City's activities at the site, with a commitment to answer questions at the meeting or in writing within two weeks

6:00 – 6:10pm	Welcome remarks Introduction: Meeting goals, agenda overview, guidelines for tonight's meeting
6:10 – 6:25pm	Walsh – Release Abatement Measures (RAM) Plan
6:25 – 6:40pm	<i>Questions and answers - Walsh</i>
6:40 - 7:00pm	NBHS - Interim Phase II Report, Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Sampling, Dioxin Sampling
7:00 – 7:20pm	<i>Questions and answers – NBHS Interim Phase II Report, VOC & Dioxin sampling</i>
7:20 – 7:30pm	NBHS Building Materials - Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Removal and Abatement Plan
7:30 – 7:40pm	<i>Questions and answers – NBHS Building Materials</i>
7:40 - 7:55pm	Acquired Residential Properties, New Andre McCoy Field, KMS, KMS Indoor Air and Vent Monitoring
7:55 – 8:10pm	<i>Questions and answers – Residential Properties, McCoy Field, KMS</i>
8:10 – 8:20pm	Nemasket Street Lots (formerly the Bethel AME property), General site questions from the community
8:20 – 8:30pm	<i>Questions and answers – Nemasket Street</i>
8:30 – 8:55pm	<i>Questions and answers – general</i>
8:55 – 9:00pm	Closing remarks

Question and answer sessions:

More than half of the meeting's agenda is dedicated to question and answer sessions. Participants will be free to speak their questions directly. Participants can also write their questions on notecards, should they prefer. The planned presentations already contain answers to questions expressed by community leaders prior to the meeting (see below).

City officials and consultants will attempt to answer in real time the questions raised by participants at the meeting. For questions that can't be answered in the moment, the City commits to responding to them in writing within two weeks. Answers will be posted on the City's website by Wednesday, April 28th. The City may combine similar questions.

Concerns and Questions Expressed by the Community Prior to the Meeting:

Walsh Field

- Has remediation work been completed at Paul Walsh Field and if not, when?
- When remediation work is completed, will the field be perfectly safe for all human activities?
- There have been dibenzofurans found at that site - have they been removed? Will there be further testing for dioxins there?
- What is being used for backfill at the site? Discuss testing for compliance with S-1 standards.

New Bedford High School

- Are VOCs infiltrating the school in some sections more than others?
- What are the remediation plans for soil around NBHS?
- Will TRC conduct methane testing?
- Will TRC test drinking water in various areas of the school including the cafeteria and if so, when?
- Will sampling at NBHS and the Nemasket St. Lot be conducted seasonally (winter vs. summer) to compare conditions and see if there's a change in contaminant concentrations?
- Outreach to parents of students – how can this be implemented?
- Provide a list of classrooms where PCB Bulk Wastes have been removed as well as classrooms that remain to be addressed.
- What are the most current air quality test results of the entire school with special consideration to the areas around the rooms where TRC has been conducting removal of PCB contaminated materials?
- How are the materials being contained within the classrooms before being brought out?
- How are the tools used for this work decontaminated before being brought out?
- What is the suspected source of VOCs in the groundwater beneath the High School? If it is unknown, what is being done to determine the source?
- Will the CEP be eliminated or mitigated to the extent feasible before the end of the current school year? Before the beginning of next school year (fall 2010)?

Residential properties acquired by the City

- When all the houses that are located on contaminated land near Keith have been demolished, will you remediate the land or cap it, and what will it be used for?

Keith Middle School

- What are the most current results for PCBs and other contaminants in the wetlands behind the Keith Middle School? Has the source of the high levels of PCBs there been identified and if so, where?

- Has it been determined how the wetlands behind Keith became re-contaminated? If not, what is the schedule to determine this?
- When will the results of the MCP Ecological Risk Characterization be available? Will this be delayed until the September 2010 status report?
- Can the KMS air handling system be shut down for an indoor air sampling event? Would this be useful data?

Nemasket Street Lots

- Could groundwater from the Nemasket Lot (former Bethel AME property) carry contamination over to the Keith Middle School, church, and New Bedford High School sites? Has it?
- When will the remediation of the Nemasket Street Lots start?

General Site Questions

- When and where will dioxin testing occur?
- How does flooding impact contaminant transport?
- Does TRC think groundwater is moving contaminants from known Superfund sites like Sullivan's Ledge to PSWS?
- As the water table rises and falls seasonally, can it contaminate the soil it's traveling through?
- What are the synergistic effects of all the chemicals at this site on human health both short term and long term? What are the additive or multiplicative effects of these chemicals?
- What is the status of the MassDPH Health Study?
- By when will the DPW yard be investigated?
- Are the financial resources needed to complete the investigations in place already for:
 - a. Nemasket, b. Wetlands behind Keith, c. High School, d. DPW Yard. If not, for any or all of the above, where will the money come from and when will it be available?

Addendum to Draft April 14 PIP Agenda

This PIP meeting is hosted by the City and is about the City's activities at the Parker Street site. Residents with questions or concerns about the work of EPA, MassDEP or other agencies are encouraged to contact those agencies directly and attend public meetings related to those activities.

For questions related to EPA's work at private properties, please contact On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Wing Chau at (617) 918-1254 or via e-mail at chau.wing@epa.gov, or OSC Marcus Holmes at (617) 918-1630 or via e-mail at holmes.marcus@epa.gov.

For questions related to MassDEP's work at the Hetland Rink, please contact Molly Cote at (508) 946-2792 or via e-mail at molly.cote@state.ma.us.