

**Summary**  
**ELDCA Working Group Meeting**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Conference Call**  
**5:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Marilyn Howarth, Tom McKeon, Josh Barber, Larry Brown, Lamar Gore, Chere Driver, Margaret Cobb, Marion Sanders, Earl Wilson

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**Chere:** This conference call will cover items not discussed at the last meeting.

- 1) How can residents contact EPA if health/safety issues come up during remediation of their yards?
- 2) Will EPA provide materials to residents about potential health effects to determine if they have been exposed to contaminants during remediation?

**Josh:** How can people contact the EPA? This should follow the process that we have now. The EPA can put up more signage around the site to give people my phone number. The EPA will share the information at community meetings. The best method is by calling my EPA cellphone. The website is also available. One thing we plan on using is a system that school districts use, where informational materials can be sent out, via calls and text messages. This system is called red alert. The EPA is open to other ideas.

The current signage is in front of the command post. We plan to get new signs and put them in more places

Earl: The current font on the sign should be bigger.

Josh agreed that he would look into making the font bigger on new signs.

**Marilyn:** Seems like the red alert system is dependent on the list we have

**Josh:** We could send a mass e-mail and let everyone know about this system and they can choose to opt out. Not sure if this is totally correct, will have to check on details.

**Larry:** Our current level is 600 people, and can be increased.

**Marilyn:** What should we put on the first message that will make people best understand what it's about, so they don't feel bothered and rather get information on what they may want.

**Chere:** The next question is about yard clean ups. The concern is, after you do a yard clean up, are you leaving any information for residents about what to do if illness symptoms come up.

**Josh:** Short answer is no, we are not expecting any symptoms or illness so we are not leaving any specific suggestion about illness. We have discussed this with ATSDR who agree that there is no reason to believe that the exposures will be greater during our clean-up activity.

**Marilyn:** Exposures shouldn't be higher than before clean-up and the air monitors are in place to make sure of that.

**Earl:** Josh, how many units do you have to monitor the air and is it adequate for the operation you are doing at this time?

**Josh:** We currently use one air monitor which is immediately downwind of the construction site and one upwind. We are not seeing any upwind contributions of dust so we eliminated those monitors. We've consulted with air quality experts, ATSDR, and they are comfortable with the body of data collected.

**Marilyn:** This is information that should have been shared with the CAG ahead of the time. The CAG should not have to ask the question to learn about a change in the plan that impacts health and safety.

**Josh:** Things may change for landfill work since this is a larger area. More air monitors will be needed. Also, workers at the landfill will also be wearing personal air monitors, which may be much more informative than the stationary air monitors. Also it is important to note, we wet down soil before any dust can be generated.

**Earl:** OK, the good thing is that there is a system that adequately works for the residential yards and thought is being put into making sure similar standards are done for the landfill. We appreciate your work.

**Chere:** Margie, any updates on the parent meeting at the Eastwick Recreation Center?

**Margie:** It will be a small gathering of parents. We will talk about the procedures being done, is that right Josh?

**Josh:** Camp Directors will be made aware of what will happen while camp is in session. We'll have funding for fences and security, transparency will be made to ensure camp parents, and staff know what is happening.

**Marilyn:** Many parents will be hearing about this for the first time. I recommend making materials and maps available to explain things that the rest of us know. I recommend that Josh be prepared with enough information to fully explain the risk and what the EPA has done and is doing. Its important to take a preventive approach so people understand and do not become suspicious of EPA motives due to lack of understanding.

**Earl:** Agree, and I can't think of a better way to connect with people and verbalize a zone of comfort than by listening to people personally involved in the landfill.

**Marilyn:** We should begin thinking about how communications and engagement can happen to help people better understand how to gain information and understand where and when signs will be posted. There are a lot of community events this summer we can leverage.

**Earl:** It may not be a bad idea, to advertise in simple terms in the Globe times, letting people know ahead of time of the work happening. Perhaps even the radio or other public service.

**Marilyn:** The hopes here is to engage people, and let people know this is coming. We should put something in the Globe Times. The logical time to put an article in the Globe Times might be after the June 20 CAG meeting.

**Earl:** I will reach out to the Globe times and see what we can publish.

**Josh:** We have a legal obligation to have a public meeting before the start.

**Larry:** We have an updated fact sheet coming up which will be good for individual distribution.

**Chere:** Adjourns the meeting

**6:15 pm**