

NEWSLETTER

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CCI Citizens Advisory Group, Inc.

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The CCI Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG) Inc. was formed in 2001 and is composed of a group of your neighbors concerned with the health and economic well being of our neighborhood. We united in a common purpose; to share information and be proactive in seeking timely resolution and effective remediation of the Chemical Commodities, Inc. EPA Superfund Site.



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Now →

Attend the CAG meetings

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The purpose of this NEWSLETTER is to help keep residents in the neighborhood informed and involved with issues related to the CCI Superfund site. Please visit our Web Page <http://www.olathe-cci-cag.com/> where you will find additional information.

The next CAG meeting will be held on May 4, at 7:00 in the city of Olathe Fire Administration Building, 1225 South Hamilton Circle, Olathe, Kansas.

The CAG continues to be proactive as we enter what appears to be a final phase in the process of remediation of the CCI Superfund Site. We recently renewed our web page (see above) and we owe a dept of gratitude to Melissa Ferguson for her work to get our web page put together. The CAG leaders met with our TOSC colleagues and La Barbara Wigfall from the Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional and Community Planning at KSU to begin to discuss a vision of how the site should be landscaped once it is cleaned up. We plan to meet again with the core CAG group on March 30 at the Olathe Fire Administration Building to develop a draft plan to present to the community at the next CAG meeting.

PLANS ARE IN MOTION FOR A DECISIVE CLEAN-UP OF THE SITE
EPA update from Mary Peterson

- Q. Is groundwater sampling continuing while the cleanup agreement is negotiated?
A. Groundwater sampling is not being conducted currently, so there are no new reports. There are no plans to conduct further groundwater sampling until after the Consent Decree is signed.

Q. How is the negotiation process proceeding? Any estimates when remedial design might begin?

A. As for the negotiation progress, we had a meeting (2-08-06) with the PRPs to lay out a strategy to complete a Consent Decree on schedule. As I have indicated in the past, Consent Decree negotiations tend to take a very long time, and I am hoping that by laying out a schedule up front, we can keep the parties more on track. Currently, our schedule calls for completing negotiations by the end of the summer. Remedial design could begin within a few months following the end of negotiations, depending on how long it takes the court to enter the Consent Decree (a process that is beyond our control). Having said that, it is possible that the PRPs could begin work on the RD concurrently with the court's process to enter the Consent Decree, but this would be something the parties would have to agree to do and not something we could force them to do.

Q. Is there an interceptor trench closure report or anything to report about that?

A. The interceptor trench was indeed closed and I am waiting for a final report from the railroad's contractor.

Q. Do you have any statistics on the air sampling and the number of houses with ventilation systems? (Please see report below)

A. The air sampling program is ongoing. No new ventilation systems have been installed, so the number of homes with systems should still be 34.

Q. Do you know who owns the triangular piece of land south of the fence?

A. The CCI corporation owns the triangular piece of land adjacent to the fenced area. It is all CCI property, along with the 303 S. Blake Street property where the run-down house was demolished by the city. The institutional controls we have been working on with the city would apply to all portions of the property owned by CCI.

Q. Anything else the community people might want to know?

A. I received a letter from Haley and Aldrich documenting several homes that have declined to participate in the air sampling program. I know the contractor has had loads of unreturned phone calls, missed appointments, and renters unwilling to give information about the home owner. EPA also experienced these kinds of problems when trying to conduct sampling.

The CAG strongly encourages everyone to participate fully in this process. Please feel free to contact Ron or Glen if you have questions or concerns.

UPDATE ON THE INDOOR AIR SAMPLING PROGRAM

The contact for the air sampling program is Mariruth Gruis with Haley and Aldrich (mgruis@haleyaldrich.com).

The potentially responsible parties (PRPs) have been implementing the interim indoor air sampling program since the Work plan was approved in the fall of 2005. We are thankful to the community for their cooperation with our field team to complete all the sampling to date. The following is an update from the PRPs on the interim indoor air program:

- All residences for which access has been provided for the fall of 2005 and winter of 2006 indoor air sampling event (93 properties) have been sampled.
- A second sampling event is planned for the summer of 2006.
- No additional ventilation systems have been installed to date as a result of fall of 2005 and winter 2006 indoor air sampling.