

Summary of September 27, 2013 ATSDR Call with the CAP

CDC/ATSDR participants: Frank Bove, Stephanie Doan, Tina Forrester, Angela Ragin-Wilson, Perri Ruckart, Ed Murray, Jason Broehm, Brian Awsumb, Tiffany Fell

Community and other participants: Jerry Ensminger, Mike Partain, Melissa Forrester (DOD), Sandra Bridges, Dick Clapp

Updates on Health Studies:

- Perri Ruckart updated the CAP on the status of the birth defects/childhood cancer, mortality, adverse pregnancy outcomes, and male breast cancer studies and the health survey.
 - We received comments from the journal on the birth defects/childhood cancer study. Agency is currently reviewing the revised document and responses to the peer reviewer comments and finalizing the communication plan before the article can be resubmitted. We plan to resubmit the manuscripts by the end of the month and will notify the CAP when we have done so.
 - CDC/ATSDR is still scientifically reviewing the mortality study of former active duty marines and navy personnel.
 - CDC/ATSDR submitted the final report for the mortality study of former civilian workers for peer review.
 - CDC/ATSDR submitted the re-analyses of the adverse pregnancy outcomes study for CDC/ATSDR clearance and approval.
 - We are continuing efforts to obtain data necessary to complete the male breast cancer study. We are scheduled to travel to collect military personnel file data from the NPRC headquarters in St. Louis on October 21-25, and November 4-8, 2013.
 - CDC/ATSDR has completed data collection and confirmation for the health survey. The contractor is currently performing QA/QC edits on the data, and we expect to receive the final dataset by early November 2013.

Update on the Health Assessment Activities

- Tina Forrester provided an update on ATSDR's health assessment activities.
 - ATSDR staff is moving forward on the drinking water assessment and plan to have the first draft of the assessment completed soon.
 - ATSDR is moving forward on the vapor intrusion evaluation by examining records to see what data are available.

Cancer Classification of TCE

- Ed Murray discussed that ATSDR updated the classification of TCE on our website in response to questions from the CAP.

CAP Updates/Community Concerns

- Jerry Ensminger asked about the progress on the feasibility of conducting a cancer incidence study. He wanted to know the basis for the comment that it would be difficult to get participation from cancer registries.
- Sandra Bridges had questions about vapor intrusion at Tarawa Terrace.
- Mike Partain expressed concern about how the monthly CAP conference calls are conducted. He was concerned about the operator assisted conference call line that is used during the monthly CAP conference calls. He requested that ATSDR send email updates in lieu of the conference calls.
- Jerry Ensminger asked if ATSDR was planning to include soil analysis at the Hadnot Point area.

Action Items:

- Tina Forrester said that she would look into vapor intrusion at Tarawa Terrace.
- Ed Murray stated that we are scheduling internal meetings with CDC's cancer division to discuss the feasibility of conducting the cancer incidence study.
- Angela Ragin-Wilson stated that we plan to have a discussion about the cancer incidence study at the next in-person CAP meeting.
- Tina Forrester stated that her team is reviewing a number of parameters for vapor intrusion.