

Omya Community Issue Team – April 23, 2015 Meeting

Meeting Summary

Location: Omya Verpol Plant

Date: April 23, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order):

Sharon Carpenter – Florence resident
Jon Keith – Pittsford resident and local business owner
John Lapre – Florence resident
Matt Harvey – Pittsford resident
Bev Peterson – Florence resident
Bonnie Stewart – Pittsford resident
Bruce Baccei – Town of Proctor
Bill Champine – Town of Proctor
Mike Warfle – Pittsford Chief of Police
Mike Laurent – Pre-Grind Area Manager, Omya
Wayne Wilmans – Plant Manager, Omya
Heather Fowler – Safety, Environment & Quality Coordinator, Omya
John Anderson – Shipping Coordinator, Omya
Walt Ralph - Shipping Coordinator, Omya

Absent:

Peg Flory – Pittsford Resident and State Senator
Mike Knowles – Proctor resident
Umberto “Pat” Rosato – Florence resident
Dennis Carroll – Environmental Manager, Omya
John Haverstock – Pittsford Town Manager
David Markowski – Florence resident and local business owner
John Schell – Kimberly Plant Manager
Butch Shaw – Florence resident and State Representative

I. Welcome

Wayne Wilmans welcomed team members and special guests.

The evening’s agenda was reviewed.

In a brief business activity update, Wayne noted the following:

- Acknowledged Jim Stewart’s retirement in January after 42 years of service.
- Business is strong. The 2014 production run was the 3rd best on record.
- We expect John Schell, Assistant Plant Manager, to arrive in June.
- Community updates:
 - February 20th Omya sponsored the annual Legislative bus trip to Montpelier. The trip is open to the public and provides folks with the opportunity to meet with their Legislature.
 - Omya newsletter is scheduled to be mailed late June / early July.
 - The National Railroad Convention in Rutland is scheduled for June. Train enthusiasts will visit Omya to see how the rail system works.
 - Omya Green Up day is May 1st.
 - Blood drive at Otter Valley is May 6th.

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II. Progress Report

Line Landfill Certification

- Questions and answers from the January 8, 2015 meeting that focused on the engineering, science and toxicology for the recertification was reviewed and accepted as written.
- The VT Department of Health (who was tasked at looking at the toxicology and setting a safe drinking water standard for the chemical that Omya uses in the flotation process) essentially agreed that it was a much higher level than the previous level that had been set. Omya is a magnitude of 10 below the safe drinking water level in the leachate. This was key in supporting Omya's request for a liner waiver. This has been provided to the state from the Department of Health.
- Omya received public comment that endorsed the state grant Omya recertification without the liner.
- As of April 23rd, there is still no word from the state. Omya is expecting their decision on the request of the liner waiver any day.
- Site monitoring will continue.

LNG Stone Haul Trucks Update

- Casella is now hauling 100% of the stone.
- Overall, good feedback from CIT as far as safe driving, quieter and cleaner trucks. There was one complaint to Casella's regarding speed of a truck which was addressed with Todd from Casella.
- Governors are installed on all 16 trucks to control maximum speed.

Odor

- Followed up with Bev Peterson regarding odor concern in February. Omya investigated but could not narrow down a source however, will continue to monitor.

Noise

- Noise monitoring continues monthly onsite. In addition to on-site monitoring, Omya works with a neighbor directly to the west of the plant that has a piece of elevated property. Omya has established a monitoring zone here. Results show that Omya continues to be lower than the set limit.
- There was one noise complaint in mid-April. Omya is in the process of investigating the source.
- Noise complaints still remain significantly low due to the replacement of the dryer silencers.

Lost Trucks

- Wayne introduced Walt Ralph and John Anderson, Omya Shipping Coordinators.
- Omya has contracted with the Pittsford Police Department and the Rutland Sheriff's Department to patrol roads leading into the plant. Tickets have been issued to overweight trucks.
- Reviewed new proposed signage and locations. The goal is to alert trucks early on so they have an opportunity to turn around before they are committed.
 - All signs are 24" x 36" with reflective lettering and includes Omya logo.
 - Target is to have installation of all new signs by mid-summer.
 - Chief Warfle provided his number and told residents to call him anytime regarding trucks.

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III. New Ideas / Topics

- None

IV. Next Steps

- Continue to monitor lost trucks. Omya appreciates all the calls that come into the plant reporting these lost trucks. Please keep up the good work.

V. Wrap-Up

- The date for the next Issue Team meeting is Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Omya's Verpol Plant in Florence from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.