

# **SUPERIOR REFINERY**

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## **Community Advisory Panel**

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### **Murphy Oil Superior Refinery Community Advisory Panel Minutes Superior Refinery January 10, 2008**

- Members:** Connie Antonuk, Robert Browne, Bobbi Germond, Doug Finn, Greg Guenard, Pat Heiser, Keith Kessler, Carol Lindberg, Bruce Lindgren, Tad Matheson, Sarah Matheson, Jay Mitchell, MariBeth Olson, Floyd Peters, Chester Petzold, Sandra Petzold, Tom Strewler, Kaye Tenerelli, Diane Thompson
- Guests:** Marv Cartwright, Mark Darby, Rick Drolson, John Gozdziwski, Charlene Johnson, Dave McNeil, Mary Morgan, Dave Siebert, Kennan Wood
- Company Representatives:** Dave Podratz, Corey Mead, Dave Beattie, Liz Lundmark
- Facilitator:** John McPherson, Ann Green Communications, Inc.
- Minutes:** John McPherson
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The regular meeting of the Murphy Oil Superior Refinery Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was called to order at 6 p.m. by facilitator John McPherson. John reviewed the team agreement and the agenda for the evening.

John introduced guest presenter Dave Siebert of the Wisconsin DNR. Guests and members introduced themselves. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

#### **Refinery/Company Report**

Dave Podratz presented the report for the Superior Refinery, including operational highlights, environmental and safety performance reports, and community odor complaints. **[A copy of the complete report is included with these minutes.]**

Environmental highlights:

There were no spills during the reporting period. In 2007 there were a total of four reportable spills (reportable= over 1 gallon).

Three air events occurred. One event occurred when operator error led to a brief opacity exceedance on the FCC on November 8. On December 8, a frozen valve led to 4870 lbs of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the SRU/TGTU unit. On December 13, the refinery went into abatement when the SRU/TGTU was shut down to repair a leaking heat exchanger. A request submitted to DNR for excess emissions during this abatement was approved.

2007 was free of water permit exceedances. April 2008 will mark five years since the last exceedance.

Safety highlights:

A fire occurred in the change house on December 6. Local firefighters responded. The cause of the fire is now believed to have been a worker attempting to thaw a frozen water line with a torch.

Two safety incidents were reported. One incident involved a steam burn to the foot caused by a heat exchanger. The second incident involved an individual suffering from heat exhaustion during fire school training in Texas.

Murphy is still awaiting the results of the OSHA inspection. Two subcontractors were cited. Dave said he expects some citations from the inspection because an extremely detailed inspection of this sort nearly always results in citations. However, he does not anticipate any serious or 'willful' violations.

Production

The charge rate has lowered from high levels in December. Demand for gasoline is lower and the cost/price ratio between crude and finished product is low. Heating oil and diesel fuel remains in demand, but production is limited by the storage capacity available for gasoline.

**Community**

Members reviewed press reports about the potential Murphy expansion, as well as information regarding the expansion on the Clean Wisconsin website. **[Both reports are included with these minutes.]**

Murphy donated \$40,000 to the Bayfield Regional Conservancy to complete the purchase of 160 acres for the Mt. Ashwabay Recreation Area.

Murphy donated one of the homes purchased in the buyout of perimeter properties to the Harbor House Teen Center.

Tad Matheson thanked Murphy for donating firefighting foam to the fire department. Tad also reported on the acquisition of a public/private partnership grant that will allow the fire department, Murphy and Enbridge emergency crews to train together. Tad said other local business will also be involved. A table top exercise is being planned for later in the year.

### **New Business**

#### Fox Business News DVD

The CAP reviewed a DVD of a moderated discussion between Mayor Ross of Superior and Cameron Davis, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Alliance. The discussion aired nationally on Fox Business News on December 26<sup>th</sup>. The topic of the discussion was economic development (specifically refinery expansion with an emphasis on Murphy's Superior Refinery) versus the environment and potential for an increased tourism economy in the Great Lakes Basin.

#### Presentation – DNR Review of Proposed Refinery Expansion – Dave Siebert, WDNR

Dave Siebert of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources presented information on the WDNR process for evaluating the environmental impact of proposed projects, with an emphasis on how this would apply to the possible proposal of an expansion of the Superior Refinery by Murphy Oil. **[A copy of Dave's presentation is included with these minutes.]**

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The topic of the next meeting will be a presentation by Melissa Malott, Water Program Director with Clean Wisconsin.

It was noted that the next meeting falls on Valentine's Day. Realizing that a number of members may want to celebrate with their significant others, every effort will be made to bring the formal meeting to a close by 7:30 pm, while allowing ample time for a presentation and discussion with our scheduled guest.

Following discussion, the January 2008 meeting of the Superior Refinery CAP adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, February 14, 2008**

**WITC**

**5:30 Dinner**

**6:00 Meeting**