

**Murphy Oil USA, Inc.**  
**Superior Refinery Community Advisory Panel**  
**January 6, 2005**  
**Minutes**

Attendees: Doug Finn, Frank Giesen, Charlie Glazman, Pat Heiser, Carol Lindberg, Mayor Dave Ross, Sister Gen Schillo, Mark Stokstad, Tom Strewler, Kaye Tenerelli.

Industry Representatives: Dave Podratz, Liz Lundmark.

Guests: Mr. Jim Waletzko, potential member; Robert Jennings, UWS student.

Facilitator: Tod Lyons, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

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The regular meeting of the Superior Refinery Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was held on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at The Bong Center. Facilitator Tod Lyons called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Tod welcomed everyone back from the holidays and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He then introduced the guests and mentioned that the Bong Center has invited CAP members to visit the WWII Christmas display downstairs after the CAP meeting.

Minutes from the November meeting were accepted as distributed.

### **Refinery Update**

Dave Podratz gave the plant update which covered the last two months since the CAP did not meeting in December. He reported no spills in November or December and then summarized both months as well as the year's events.

He mentioned a number of air events in November and December. Although overall emissions were less than in 2003, it was not as good of a year as they had hoped for emissions. (See attached summary sheet for explanation of various emissions events for those not in attendance.)

Dave emphasized a catastrophic failure at the plant on December 17, 2004 where relay units continued to trip off causing the numerous emissions problems from the Tail Gas Unit and Sulfur Recovery Unit.

### Safety

Dave reported three accidents occurred in the last two months, but none resulted in a lost-time injury. In the first two accidents, two employees were exposed to caustic soda as a result of spillage. Both were properly attired in Personal Protective Equipment so there were no serious injuries. Because it was caustic soda, they were required to be reported as first aid incidents. In the third incident, an employee received 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns to his face when working with hot asphalt. The 400 degree asphalt got on his face, but not in his eyes because he was wearing proper gear. Dave said Murphy Oil continues to stress safety and wants all incidents reported, no matter how small.

### Operations

The Superior Plant manufactured about 28,000 barrels of oil per day in November because of poor profit margins and high gas prices. In December, prices became a little better and the plant raised its production to about 35,000 barrels per day. Overall, they averaged just over 31,000 barrels per day, which is about average.

Tom Strewler asked about Murphy's wetlands project. Dave said its still waiting to receive a final permit form the Department of Natural Resources but the wetlands is ready for affluent and ready to be used. Mark Stokstad of DNR gave kudos to Murphy for their efforts in the recent permitting update process. The new permit was issued in December.

Dave said plans are in place for the building of a new warehouse off of Hill Avenue. This will help reduce the amount of traffic through the plant and will help Murphy Oil better control security at the plant. The new warehouse also will house Murphy Oil's Emergency Services personnel. The building will cost about \$1.5 million to complete.

Dave also mentioned an unannounced security drill that took place at the plant in December. A "trespasser" set up a ladder and climbed over the fence and began to walk toward the storage containers. Murphy Oil security and employees stopped the "trespasser" well before he got near the storage containers.

Sister Gen asked if Murphy received any direct threats in the last year. Dave said they had one strange incident where a man visited the plant asking some strange questions about Murphy's power supply. Sister Gen commented that Murphy reacted well to the incidents and it shows Murphy takes these things seriously.

## **Continuing Business**

### Communications

There was nothing to report.

### Emergency Preparedness

There was no report.

### Youth Education

Tod visited Superior High School today to give some brief CAP presentations to science students about possible membership. He will follow up with Mr. Waletzko and others to see if there is some interest.

Tom Strewler gave Tod a copy of the recent Mitchell Time program on CD that aired November 16 in case CAP members may have missed it and are interested in watching the piece.

## **Topic – 2005 CAP Planning Meeting**

Tod reviewed the responses from the CAP surveys. As he went through the surveys, the members had various discussions about membership. Tod received several names from the group about potential new members. Tod will follow up with Frank Giesen and others on potential new members.

Tod then reviewed potential topics gathered from returned surveys and his notes throughout the year. The CAP members combined some of the topics and came up with some new ones.

The following topics will be covered at Superior CAP meetings this year:

1. The future of oil fields and petroleum resources worldwide.
2. Economic Development in Superior.
3. Area emergency response and a tour of Superiors Emergency Operations Center.

4. The permitting process, a perspective from Murphy Oil and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
5. Plant Tour – including odor monitoring exercise (summer 2005).
6. Hog Island, Newton Creek, wetlands and other environmental updates.
7. Recycling at Murphy Oil and in Superior.
8. The DNR's Office at Great Lakes, rule making, water diversion issues, executive orders – guest speaker Chuck Levine (after May 2005).
9. Green Tier Legislation.

Tod will set up a guest speaker for the future of oil fields and petroleum resources around the world for the February meeting. If he is unable to get the speaker from University of Minnesota, Duluth or Geologist Dick Ojakanagas, the backup presentation will be The Permitting Process, a view from Murphy Oil and the DNR. Tod also will create a planning calendar before the February meeting with the topics for each meeting listed.

### **Other Business**

The CAP deferred discussion about food and catering until the February meeting. Savories will deliver box lunches for the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, February 3, 2005**

**Bong Center**

**5:30 p.m. – Dinner**

**6 p.m. – Meeting**