

SUPERIOR REFINERY

Community Advisory Panel

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**Murphy Oil USA, Inc.
Superior Refinery Community Advisory Panel
Thursday, October 13 2005**

Members: Charlie Glazman, Greg Guenard, Pat Heiser, Jim Kehoe,
MariBeth Olsen, Fariba Pendleton, Tom Strewler,

Company Representatives: Dave Podratz, Dave Beattie, Liz Lundmark

Guests: Diane Thompson, City of Superior Wastewater program

Facilitator: John McPherson, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

The October meeting of the Murphy Oil Superior Refinery CAP was called to order at 5:30 p.m. CDT by Facilitator John McPherson. Minutes of the meetings were reviewed and approved. John introduced guest Diane Thompson of the City of Superior Wastewater program. John said the originally scheduled guest, Chuck Ledin, from the Wisconsin DEP was sent to Chicago on short notice, and that Diane would be speaking with the group about mercury reduction programs.

Refinery/Company Report

Dave Podratz presented the report for the Superior Refinery, including operational highlights, environmental and safety performance reports. A copy of this complete report is included with these minutes.

Environmental highlights:

There were seven reportable air events in September. Details are on the included report.

Safety highlights:

There were two events: one recordable incident (when an employee stepped in a tire rut and strained his back) and one first aid case (debris in eye).

Refinery Operations

The DOT Office of Pipeline Safety inspected the three mile product pipeline and found no problems. Dave Podratz testified before an informational hearing regarding petroleum infrastructure before the Wisconsin State Senate Energy and Utilities Committee. The Gulf Coast Hurricanes significantly boosted refinery operations, with the refinery running at maximum capacity. What had been an unprofitable year turned into an extremely profitable one as a result of the refinery being called upon to make up for the lack of refined product from the Gulf Coast.

Discussion -- Effects of Gulf Hurricanes

The refinery community has raised over \$30,000 for hurricane relief, with the assistance of WITC, the Chamber of Commerce and others. Murphy Oil has committed five million dollars to a hurricane relief program, including \$2 million to St. Bernard Parish relief efforts, \$1 million to the St. Bernard Parish United Way, \$1 million to the local public school system and \$1 million to help local businesses reopen. [Information is included with these minutes.]

Following up on our discussion of September, Dave Podratz distributed a map of refining centers and pipelines [included with these minutes].

The status of the refinery in St. Bernard Parish and of headquarters was discussed. A Hurricane Update from the American Petroleum Association was distributed [included with these minutes]. The CBS News report about contamination in St. Bernard Parish was discussed. There was also discussion about the Wisconsin Attorney General's announcement of an investigation into post-hurricane price-gouging. The announcement was largely seen as political in nature, as prices were driven by the market and tight supplies.

New Business

Mini Grants

CAP mini grants were awarded as follows:

Ms. Sarah Hanhan	Shawn Larson	Laurie Schmude
Bryant Elementary	Great Lakes Elementary	Northwestern
School	School	Elementary School
\$500	\$300	\$500

Newton Creek

Members discussed a request from John Robinson of the Wisconsin DEP that the CAP consider the adoption of Newton Creek. The creek has been significantly cleaned, but is now attracting trash. [A page of photos is included with these minutes.] Members voted to adopt the creek and work toward the placement of a sign and a spring cleanup date. A committee was formed, consisting of the following:

- Liz Lundmark
- Greg Guenard
- Jim Kehoe
- Pat Heiser

Presentation -- Identification and Elimination of Mercury and PCB Contamination

Diane Thompson of the City of Superior Wastewater program presented information on a joint cleanup project between the city of Superior and the Superior Refinery to identify mercury and PCB contamination. Copies of the report on the project, entitled "Prescription for Mercury and PCB Elimination" were distributed. Copies of the bi-national "Mercury Reduction for Lake Superior" report were distributed. Copies are available from John McPherson upon request.

Diane described the history of mercury use and the effects of mercury contamination on the environment and on the human system.

Diane discussed a new project now underway with the assistance of a grant to identify potential industrial mercury contamination sources across Lake Superior. A sister project is underway in Canada. Members provided input on potential means of access to industries for review.

More information on the mercury projects, the effects of mercury contamination and a downloadable version of the "Prescription" report are available at this website address.

<http://www.ci.superior.wi.us/publicwks/wastewater/MurphyProject.htm>

Following discussion the October meeting of the Murphy Oil Superior Refinery CAP adjourned.

Future Meeting Topics:

- November -- Hog Island Project Review -- John Robinson
- December -- No meeting

Next Meeting: **Thursday, November 10, 2005**
 WITC Conference Center
 5:00 Dinner
 5:30 Meeting