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# Public Involvement

FACT SHEET, June 2005

## Community Advisory Group formed for Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical Company Site

You are invited to participate in the first community advisory group (CAG) meeting for the Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical Company site (Zeneca Site) in Richmond, CA. The meeting will be held at the Richmond Convention Center, Bermuda Room, 403 Civic Center Plaza in Richmond, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 30, 2005 (see meeting box below). This is your opportunity to meet and welcome your new CAG members. Hear welcome remarks from a representative for Assembly Member Loni Hancock, Richmond community leaders, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) as the community is introduced to their new CAG. The Zeneca Site is located at 1391 South 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, CA.

DTSC has assisted the Richmond community in forming the CAG. This fact sheet will provide you with information about the CAG, how CAG members were selected, what happens next and who to contact for more information.

### What is a CAG?

A community advisory group or CAG is a group of volunteer individuals who represent the composition, diversity and interest of the local community. The CAG provides an opportunity for all affected and interested community members to openly learn, discuss and provide advice to DTSC regarding cleanup activities at sites that have DTSC regulatory oversight.

### PUBLIC MEETING

Join us for the first meeting of the Community Advisory Group for the Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical Company site at the following location:

**Thursday • June 30, 2005**

**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Richmond Convention Center • Bermuda Room  
403 Civic Center Plaza at Nevin and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets  
Richmond, CA**

For more information regarding the CAG meeting, please contact Ms. Nancy Cook, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (510) 540-3923 or by email at [ncook@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ncook@dtsc.ca.gov).



## **Petition for a Zeneca CAG**

Ms. Ethel Dotson, a Richmond community member, submitted a petition to DTSC signed by over 80 individuals requesting DTSC assistance to form a CAG. California State Law, Health and Safety Code 25358.7.1, requires DTSC to assist the community in forming a CAG when it receives a petition signed by at least 50 members of a community affected by a site under DTSC regulatory oversight.

DTSC immediately began working with Ms. Dotson to form the CAG. A public notice was placed in the Contra Costa Times and the Berkeley Daily Planet informing the community that a CAG was to be formed for the Zeneca Site. The public notice requested that community members submit an application if they were interested in serving on the CAG. Information about the CAG was also mailed with a DTSC community survey to approximately 5200 community members. Fifty-five CAG applications from various individuals and groups were received by DTSC.

### **Selection of CAG Members**

A selection committee representative of the various interest of the Richmond community was formed to review and consider each application. The selection committee included: Ms. Dotson, Petitioner; Ms. Sherry Padgett, local business and community activist; Ms. Michelle Milam, Field Representative for Assembly Member Loni Hancock, 14<sup>th</sup> District; and Jay Leonhardy, Assistant to Mayor Irma Anderson, City of Richmond. Ms. Diane Fowler, DTSC Public Participation Supervisor, served as the facilitator for the selection committee.

Prior to review of the applications, the selection committee decided to select members based on the following criteria: diversity of interest or group they represented; ability to communicate with the community; and ability to attend meetings. The selection committee also decided to select more residential members than any other group so that each of the affected communities surrounding the Zeneca site would be represented on the CAG.

Each application was carefully reviewed, discussed

and members selected to assure that community interests were represented for the following Richmond groups: citizen/civic group; environmental organization; local government agency; local business; and residential neighborhoods. The 25 members listed below were unanimously selected to form the new CAG by the four-member selection committee.

## **CAG Members and the Group they Represent**

### **Citizen/Civic Group**

- Celeste Crystal, Parents Resources and More
- Stephen Linsley, Point Molate Restoration Advisory Board
- John Ziesenhenn, Chamber of Commerce

### **Environmental Organizations**

- Alice Gathogo, MA'AT Youth Academy
- Henry Clark, West County Toxics Coalition

### **Local Government Agencies**

- Steven Duran, Richmond Redevelopment Agency
- Gayle McLaughlin, Richmond City Councilmember
- Wendel Brunner, Contra Costa County Health Department

### **Local business Community**

- Eric Blum, Richmond Business
- Joshua Genser, Richmond Business
- Sherry Padgett, Downwind Businesses

### **Residents**

- Ethel Dotson, CAG Petitioner
- Dan Schwab, Richmond Annex
- JoAnn Tillman, Coronado Neighborhood
- Iris Morris, Eastshore Neighborhood
- Arnie Kasendorf, Marina Bay
- Joseph Robinson, Technical Advisor
- Tarnel Abbott, Panhandle Neighborhood
- Malcolm Lubliner, Richmond Annex
- Pauline Reed, Coronado Neighborhood
- Simms Thompson Jr., Cortez/Stege Neighborhood
- Jean Rabovsky, El Cerrito
- Pablo Munoz, Marina Bay
- Richard Stollings, Pullman Neighborhood
- Whitney Dotson, Former Seaport Resident

Although not every individual who applied to serve on the CAG was selected, each individual within the Richmond community has an important role to play. All CAG meetings are public meetings and it is your opportunity to share your ideas and concerns. Your participation in the CAG is needed, encouraged and welcomed.

### **What Happens Next?**

The first decision the CAG must make is whether to include the University of California Field Station in their scope of work. During the time DTSC was assisting the community in forming the CAG, Dr. Alan Lloyd, Agency Secretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency, announced that DTSC will become the lead regulatory oversight agency for the entire Zeneca Site and the adjacent University of California Richmond Field Station. Prior to this announcement, the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board had been the lead regulatory agency overseeing the wetlands restoration at the Zeneca Site and the University of California Richmond Field Station.

Within the next few months, the CAG must also write a mission statement and operating instructions. They must also set future meeting dates and times. The operating instructions will outline how the CAG will operate, length of each member's term and define how new members will join the CAG.

### **Contact Information**

For more information about these sites, please contact one of the following DTSC individuals:

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### **Meeting Accessibility**

For information on meeting accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Nancy Cook, Public Participation Specialist at (510) 540-3923.

### **Additional Sources of Information**

The Richmond Library  
325 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, CA 94801

DTSC File Room  
700 Heinz Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(510) 540-3800

Additional information about the Zeneca Site can be found by visiting our Web site at:  
[www.dtsc.ca.gov/sitecleanup/Zeneca/index.html](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/sitecleanup/Zeneca/index.html)

Additional information about Community Advisory Groups can be found by visiting our Web site at:  
[www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/index.html](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/index.html)





Arial Picture of the Zeneca Site and University of California Field Station