SOLUTIA
Applied Chemistry, Creative Solutions

Solutia Inc.
J.F. Queeny Plant
201 Russell Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63104
Tel 314-622-1400

SOLUTIA Inc.
J.F. Queeny Site
Community Advisory Panel
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 1998

The Community Advisory Panel of Solutia's J.F. Queeny site met at the plant on September 22, 1998.

Attending from the community were:

Raben Andrews
Marge Biddle
Tom Daly
Dutch Henenberg
Mike Miller
Dorothy Pottinger
Frank Shaper

Attending from Solutia were:

Bob Auer
Bob Cheever
Pat Longo
Brad Young

Facilitating:

Nancy Pollock, Alliance Communication

The meeting began about 5:45 p.m. with introductions and a preview of the agenda by Bob Cheever.

Next, Cheever reviewed the TIE program that sponsors a science teacher workshop and reminded CAP members to submit nominations by the October 1 deadline.

DSW 137995

STLCOPCB4037952

A safety presentation followed. Cheever said the Queeny site's injury rate has declined significantly in the last decade and remains below both the Solutia overall rate and many other industry averages.

Pat Longo described the three categories of training for different employees: operations and maintenance, emergency response and office personnel. Each group participates in many hours of annual training depending on specific job assignments.

Mike Miller asked if Solutia's training was customized or whether all employees receive the same standard education. Cheever said training is customized depending on job tasks, but that a standard level of information is given to all employees.

Marge Biddle asked if Solutia's Material Safety Data Sheets, or MSDS, are publicly available. The sheets contain detailed information about materials stored, handled and produced at Queeny to allow employees to work safely and emergency responders to act appropriately. Cheever said Queeny MSDS information is available to anyone who requests it.

Raben Andrews wondered about the make-up of the emergency response team. Cheever said the team includes six hourly workers and six salaried employees with at least one team member at work on every shift.

In response to Andrews' question about whether material from the site is released, Cheever said that all operations are permitted by environmental oversight agencies. Those permits allow certain levels of emissions. Release above those allowable amounts happen in small quantities at times, but managing emissions is treated as seriously as managing injuries and attempts are made to prevent them.

Cheever continued his safety presentation by telling the group that employees wear personnel protective equipment, or PPE, appropriate for their specific job. All workers out in the plant must wear long-sleeved shirts, a hard hat, safety glasses and steel-toed shoes. Employees working in areas with greater potential for coming in contact with production materials wear other protection, including ear plugs or muffs, air purifying respirators, special gloves and disposable coveralls. Queeny has a locker room called a change house where employees can store their personal things and change into work clothes before a shift and back into their own clothes after a shift to prevent carrying home material residue.

Next Cheever reviewed the various government safety and environmental agencies that oversee the plant operations. They include the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Marge Biddle asked for a definition of an OSHA Star Site. Cheever said the Queeny Plant is one of about 300 in the nation to receive the rating, which is based on safety performance and other specific criteria.

A group discussion followed. Dutch Henenberg said he has lived in the Soulard neighborhood for 13 years and worked at the Queeny Plant for 34 years before retiring. He said air quality is significantly improved.

Raben Andrews said she hears little about the Queeny plant from neighbors or customers and Dorothy Pottinger agreed that there is not much awareness or concern about the site. Mike Miller asked about site security and was told that a perimeter chain link fence topped with barbed wire surrounds the plant.

Dorothy Pottinger suggested giving information about Queeny to area students and she will work with Marge Biddle to write an article about the site for the neighborhood newsletter.

Cheever reminded the group about the planned emergency response exercise scheduled for the morning of October 6 and invited CAP members to attend as observers.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

-0-0-0-

DSW 137997

STLCOPCB4037954