

CERC Site liaison group meeting

Monday 12th January 2009

Kingsley Village, Fraddon

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In attendance:

Rae Wallin – Chair	RW
Sue Wolstenholme	SW
David Buckle	DB
Louis de Poncheville	LdP
Julia Clarke	JC
Grace Williams	GW
John Yeo	JY
Keith Wonnacott	KW
Tim Greenwood	TG
Michael Hill	MH
Ian Lobb	IL
Phil Rudin	PR
Sara Roberts	SR
Rita Greenwood	RG

Apologies:

Ken Rickard
Paul Colman
Roy Allsop
John Blewett
Jennifer Ellacott
Oliver Baines
Mike Davis
Alan Trethewey

Observing:

Introduction

The chair welcomed guest Rita Greenwood, Compliance Manager and Chemist for SITA's Energy from Waste plant in the Isle of Man.

Review of previous minutes

JY and GW had distributed leaflets to recruit more members for the group in Treviscoe. As a consequence, Paul Colman joined the liaison group.

DB handed out a map which detailed traffic figures and modelling to all those present.

DB notified the group that SITA have responded to the Advertising Standards Authority with reference to the complaints made about the CERC leaflet produced for the public exhibition in January 2008. As soon as SITA was made aware of the complaint the CERC leaflet was withdrawn. The ASA will notify SITA whether the response addresses the concerns raised. No timescale has been given.

EfW environmental monitoring presentation

Rita Greenwood, Compliance Manager and Chemist for SITA's energy from waste plant in the Isle of Man presented information about environmental monitoring in an EfW facility.

The topics covered included emission legislation, emission limits, emission exceedences, emission monitoring and recording, emission control, dioxins and total emissions.

The Waste Incineration Directive (WID) outlines the maximum emission levels of an energy from waste plant. All emission levels for the Isle of Man facility are well below WID levels.

If emission limits are exceeded for more than four hours the plant must close down.

It takes 1-2 hours to shut down the facility and 24-48hrs to cool down.

An independent organisation monitors dioxins in soil, milk and crops from 24 monitoring points in the Isle of Man. The size of the sampling area is determined by several factors including geography of area, height of the stack and land use.

RG emphasised that energy from waste is just one of the many sources of dioxins.

It usually takes 3-4 months to commission an energy from waste plant and most plants have a two year teething period.

The Isle of Man facility has EMAS certification. EMAS certification is a management tool for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report and improve their environmental performance. All data must be reported, backed up, independently verified and made public. SITA Cornwall is looking into applying for EMAS certification.

SITA Cornwall is already very heavily monitored by the Environment Agency (EA). They have received about 120 spot inspections from the EA over the past two years. It is likely that the EA will receive live emission data from the CERC.

The visitor centre is a valuable resource at the Isle of Man EfW facility. In 2008 1500 people visited the facility.

Rita extended an invitation to all liaison group members to visit the Isle of Man facility and DB added that anyone who was interested from the group could also visit the Cleveland EfW plant which is soon to have line three commissioned.

Action: GW to ensure all group members receive a copy of the presentation.

Primary Care Trust health monitoring

SR assured the group that the topography of St Dennis was taken into account in the PCT's modelling in the planning application and environmental statement.

Contrary to an assertion made at a previous meeting, SR said that the Office of National Statistics has not published a report which states that there is an increase in infant mortality downwind of incinerators. SR believed that the comment may have referred to a report

written by Michael Ryan in whom she reported the Health Protection Agency (HPA) do not have confidence.

The PCT is still working on an incinerator frequently asked questions document and the EA still plans to hold consultation events in St Dennis.

SITA is producing a leaflet to be distributed in the local community which details information from the HPA.

Planning update

DB notified the group that the latest indications were that Cornwall CC was likely to make a decision on the proposed CERC at the end of February/beginning of March.

Letter from Ken Rickard

Ken Rickard had written a letter to the group which addressed further concerns. The group agreed that some aspects of Ken Rickard's behaviour were not in accordance with the liaison group's Code of Conduct. **Action:** Chair to respond to the letter.

Any other business

The liaison group induction meeting had to be postponed.

The group was keen to have more STIG representatives as members.

John Yeo notified the group that he recently visited SITA's refuse transfer station at Tregongeeves in St Austell and he expressed some concerns about the conditions there. LdP added that SITA is progressing planning to redevelop the facility.

Some group members were interested in a trip to the Grundon EfW at Colnbrook near the M25. **Action:** SITA to look into organising trip.

Representatives of the media will be visiting an Energy from Waste facility in Bordeaux on 15th/16th January 2009.

Group members noted that there had been little discussion about the proposed CERC in St Dennis recently. It was agreed that a slot would be allocated to local concerns and news in future liaison group meetings. **Action:** Chair to ensure

The group mentioned that if the CERC was given planning permission, they would be pleased for SITA to operate it.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th February, 7.15pm at Bodmin materials recycling facility.