

**THE DRAFT
SSFL WORKGROUP MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 26, 1997**

SUMMARY

A discussion was conducted on the following topics:

- RCRA Facility Investigation (Rocketdyne)
- Transglobal Environmental Geochemistry (TEG), subcontractor to Rocketdyne
- Safety Training (Rocketdyne)
- Greg Dempsey's Participation (EPA)
- Area IV Characterization Study (EPA)
- Decontamination & Decommissioning of Bldgs. 23,28,29 (DHS)

**FOLLOW-UP ITEMS & ISSUES
(FROM 2/26/97 SSFL WORK GROUP MEETING)**

DTSC (PHIL CHANDLER)

- DTSC recommends that Rocketdyne re-sample areas previously sampled by TEG, using a different company/lab [TEG was a "certified" lab by the Environmental Labs Accreditation Program (ELAP)].
- In response to concerns that STSC would provide less oversight of the new on-site laboratory, Phil Chandler responded that DTSC will offer better "qualified oversight," not "less oversight."
- DTSC acknowledged that TEG principle (Blain Hartman) had admitted falsifying data.

ROCKETDYNE (JERRY GAYLORD, PHIL RUTHERFORD, LORI CIRCLE)

- Rocketdyne will continue to offer a two-hour safety training course for those interested in viewing sampling techniques. (Contact Inger Hodgeson for scheduling).
- Rocketdyne will hire a new "certified" lab (certified by ELAP) for analyzing soil gas samples.

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- Rocketdyne is negotiating the "out sourcing" of the existing fire department . (Contact Sharon Faltmyer, Rocketdyne Human Resources, to address opinions.)
- + • Rocketdyne plans to go back and sample leach fields that were not previously sampled.
- Mr. Rutherford agrees that revisions or an amendment to the sampling report are necessary to clarify questions raised by the community and EPA.
- Mr. Rutherford explained that the rate for the walkabout survey was not as fast as described in the report.
- In response to community and Dr. Lyou concerns, Mr. Gaylord said that Rocketdyne was unaware that TEG had falsified data submitted to the RWQCB. In a letter dated February 27th to Dr. Lou, Mr. Gaylord stated that "Rocketdyne originally understood this issue to be resolved. However, when the allegations were raised in the media, it was obvious that it had not been and could raise public concern. For that reason we felt it was necessary to stop all work by TEG. Mr. Gaylord's February 27, 1997 letter is included with this meeting summary.
- Rocketdyne will present a "status update" of overall cleanup at the Rocketdyne site at the next quarterly meeting.
- Rocketdyne will address EPA's (Greg Dempsey) and the community's (Joe Lyou) comments on sampling techniques used, if given in writing to Rocketdyne.

EPA (VICKY SEMONES, GREGG DEMPSEY, TOM KELLY)

- Mr. Dempsey had four major concerns with Rocketdyne work plan: (1) the sampling locations for the ambient gamma survey did not ensure overlap of the area surveyed; (2) the rate at which the walkabout survey was conducted was much too fast; (3) sampling and analysis documentation, including the Chain of Custody forms, were not consistently included in the appendices to the report; (4) the method to calibrate the field instruments does not ensure accurate calibration.
- Mr. Kelly explained that the EPA is not asserting any regulatory oversight over sampling at Rocketdyne.
- Ms. Semones will contact an ATSDR representative in Region 9 regarding community member's concern over higher than normal rates of Cancer on her residential block.
- + • Mr. Kelly indicated that EPA will conduct confirmation surveys on 8 buildings proposed for release. Additionally, EPA is willing to survey buildings already released by DOE. Mr. Kelly would not commit EPA to surveying all buildings (radiation, research, and testing). Rather, EPA will prioritize the work based on the interest or concern of the community.

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DHS (PAUL BALDENWEG, STEVE HSU)

- In defining DHS's role in the D&D process, Mr. Hsu reiterates that DHS has no jurisdiction over DOE. DHS does their own independent data readings when involved in the D&D process.
- Mr. Hsu encourages the community members to submit in writing any questions or comments about sampling techniques used by DHS. They will answer them accordingly.
- Mr. Hsu responded to background radiation measurements for building, but the meeting ended before an agreement could be reached on this issue.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES (J. LYOU, S. PLOTKIN, B. JOHNSON, J. RASKIN)

- On the Area IV survey, Dr. Lyou pointed out that the closest background locations to the SSFL had less radiation than background areas further away.
- On the D&D plan, Dr. Lyou questioned the validity of background measurements taken at the site. He questioned whether the RMDT could have been the source of the high background levels as the DHS survey report indicates.
- Dr. Lyou would like to view the D&D plan (located in the repository). He would like the community to be added to the DHS mailing list and to be more involved with DHS's meetings.
- Dr. Lyou questioned the credibility of TEG. He asked what Rocketdyne and DHS planned to do in light of recent reports that Dr. Blain Hartman, a TEG principal, had falsified data submitted to the RWQCB. He also asked if DTSC and Rocketdyne were aware that TEG/Hartman had falsified data.
- In response to concerns about TEG, Jerry Gaylord explained that the soil gas survey was only a screening tool. Therefore, any area found contaminated, based on TEG results, would be re-sampled. This time, a soil sample would be sent to an off-site laboratory. Jerry said that Rocketdyne would agree to re-sample any area declared clean based on TEG results.