

Draft Notes from April 16, 2008 Virginia Paving Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Attending:

Committee Members: Wendy Albert, Carol James, Mindy Lyle, Chris Monahan, John Porter, Zina Raye, Loretta Scott, Lalit Sharma (for Bill Skrabak), Rich Josephson

Committee Members Absent: Micki Aronson, Annabelle Fisher

Others present: Agnes Artemel, David Chamowitz, David Horton, Art Impastato, Dennis Luzier, Carlos Martins, Bob Rodriguez, Richard Ward

John Porter opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Rich Josephson reported that committee members had been re-appointed by the City Council to additional one year terms. Chris Monahan is the new representative on the Committee from Virginia Paving, since Dan Hoyt has moved out of the area.

The notes from the January 23, 2008 meeting were approved.

Chris Monahan reported that Virginia Paving is now moving into the paving season. During the winter a number of maintenance items were completed. Filters were changed in the baghouses, blue smoke controls and stormwater areas. VAP obtained three more clean dump trucks. Work to be completed includes the blue smoke loadout on Plant 2, landscape screens at Courtney and Van Dorn, and replacing the locomotive. VAP logged one complaint about traffic lights at the plant entrance in February – the red signal seems to be staying on too long at night and on Sundays. VAP and City will look into correcting this.

Dave Horton, plant manager, indicated that the start of the paving season would be either April 27 or May 4, depending on the weather. He stated that 97,000 tons of asphalt will be made and placed on VDOT projects on Route 1 interchange and city paving projects. 100 shifts are anticipated over the season.

The hotline number for VAP is 703-906-9918. It is the best way to get results. VAP encourages the use of the hotline number. Dave Horton also stated that VAP was scheduling meeting with pant workers to review SUP conditions.

Chris Monahan indicated that regular inspections of the plant took place on April 8 by the Fire Department and April 15. VAP is in compliance with all SUP conditions. VAP applied for approval to the State for an amended air permit to install a low NOx burner in accordance with their SUP. While awaiting approval from the State, VAP installed the low NOx burner. They still have not received approval from the State. Based on this

installation, VAP was found to be in violation and fined by VADEQ. VAP entered into a consent order with VADEQ in order to move forward. A public hearing will be held on VAP's air permit in the next several months.

John Irvine from VAP discussed community relations. He reported that VAP supported the GW 10K race in February. In March, VAP hosted 100 students from Mini Howard MS where they learned about how roads are built. On March 31, VAP sponsored the Salute to Women Awards banquet. In April, VAP will sponsor other charitable events including teens driving and a mini golf classic.

Carlos Martins from the City Dept of T&ES reported on City activities related to VAP. He prepared a memo dated April 15 and provided it to committee members. He provided a summary of the memo. He indicated that the City has conducted on-site monitoring and reviewed records since the last meeting. There was a comprehensive inspection that took place on April 15 and no violations were found with respect to VAP's operations. In regard to complaints, there was a complaint regarding an idling locomotive. Carlos also reported that there was a fire at the FCC Environmental facility (US Filter). It involved a malfunctioning thermostat which caused a tank to overheat. Safety functions kicked in and a small fire that resulted was quickly extinguished by the Fire Department. One of the committee members stated that there was a foul smell prior to the fire and that calls were made regarding this odor. She said there was no response until 1-2 days after the odor was reported. She asked that FCC attend the next Committee meeting to discuss their operations and procedures.

Carlos announced that this would be his last meeting as he is taking a position elsewhere. Carlos has done an outstanding job since starting with the City. Lalit Sharma indicated that the City plans to stay on top of monitoring of VAP and will use a retired inspector with 30 years of experience while looking for a replacement for Carlos.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, Cathy Isaki, a Templeton Condo owner asked if the City has done any monitoring for odors at her condo, which is approx. 120 feet and on a hill, north of the VAP site. She also indicated that she didn't know who to call in the City about odor complaints. Lalit explained that there were specific limits in VAP's SUP related to noise, fuel, production limits and that there is a monitoring station next to the Samuel Tucker ES. He explained that odors and complaints regarding odors have been drastically reduced because there are better controls on storage silos, drum dryers and higher quality fuel is being used. She was provided with the number of the hotline.

Art Impastato spoke regarding the consent order and asked if asphalt could still be produced while the consent order was in effect. The answer was yes, the consent order allows continued production. It was also noted that production rates have been consistently lower than allowed per the SUP.

Wendy Albert asked what benefit does US Filter provide to VAP. VAP uses some of the oil products that US Filter provides for their operation. US Filter has been responsive and

has made improvements to their operations, including installing carbon filtration to reduce odors.

Richard Ward spoke and indicated his support for Virginia Paving using natural gas for their operations.

VAP reported that they now have nine low emission trucks and will be getting three more. They are also analyzing the possible use of natural gas, in addition to, or in place of, oil fuel for their plant operations.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 16 at 7 pm.