

**Toxic Substances Coordinating Committee
Human Health Workgroup
June 23, 2009**

Agenda

- Introductions
- Hot topics/issues/current sites/agency updates
- Future topics of discussion

Attendees

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Minutes

- DSHS – In May 2010, the contracting process for the Poison Centers will change. Currently, DSHS handles the contracts for Poison Centers. This will change over to the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). Operations of the Poison Centers should not change.
- TEHI – All sampling is complete for the Grand Prairie Vapor Intrusion Investigation and we are waiting for final results. The investigation included 71 people in 40 homes and we collected indoor air, ambient air, soil gas, blood, urine, and drinking water samples and conducted a survey of health problems and other potential sources of exposure. A community meeting will be held August 13 to present the results of the investigation. EPA will present the results of their groundwater and soil gas sampling at the same time.
- TEHI – Ambient air samples collected quarterly at Texarkana wood preserving seem to be ok so far.
- TEHI – Blood spots project on hold pending a lawsuit involving the use of blood spots in research projects.
- DSHS – Terminix is doing a mailing of samples of a “safe, non-toxic, all natural” liquid pesticide.
- DSHS – Pesticide group receiving reports from TDA of people being exposed to self-propelled mosquito sprayers. Owners add their own chemical to the sprayers.
- DSHS – Epidemiologists are continuing investigation of concerns of an excess of lupus and scleroderma in Crystal City.
- TCEQ – Investigating a hexavalent chromium groundwater plume in Midland. TCEQ has not yet identified potential responsible parties; they are working on identifying the extent of the plume and getting people on bottled water. Erin Brockovich is involved.
- TCEQ – Just completed and provided DSHS results of 3rd Quarter air sampling in Midlothian.
- TCEQ – Public Comment period for Development Support Documents for chromium III, hydrogen chloride, hydrogen fluoride, and methacrolein as well as Interim Guidelines for Setting Odor-Based ESLs.
- RRC – Site identified with transformers on the property, PCB label on one of them. Some transformers were sampled and found to be non-PCB containing. TCEQ regional office is handling the rest of the PCB contamination investigation.

Upcoming TSCC Meetings

TSCC Human Health Workgroup September 22, 2009 9:00 - 10:00 G-107

TSCC General Committee September 22, 2009 10:00 - 11:30 G-107