

EPA LGAG Small Community Advisory Subcommittee Meeting
April 14, 2020

1. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. Call Meeting to Order at 3:01pm
- b. Introduction from SCAS Chairman Brian Fulton.
 - i. SCAS is the voice for small communities when discussing the potential impacts of environmental regulations on small communities. We value the input that everyone on this subcommittee has to offer.
- c. Call to fill the Vice-Chair Position: If you are interested in filling this position please e-mail Daniels.joseph@epa.gov.

2. Welcoming Remarks from EPA

- a. Britt Carter and Jack Bowles welcome committee members on behalf of EPA.

3. Roll Call and Member Introductions:

- i. Administrator Brian Fulton
 - ii. Mr. Rodney Bartlett
 - iii. Hon. Jose C. Aponte Dalmau
 - iv. Hon. Vincent Desantis, Esq.
 - v. Hon. Ella M. Jones
 - vi. Hon. Joan Lee
 - vii. Hon. Carvel Lewis
 - viii. Ms. Ann Mallek
 - ix. Hon. Libby Szabo
 - x. Sec. Jeff Witte
 - xi. Hon. Shawn Yanity
 - xii. Mr. William Youngblood
- a. EPA Staff:
 - i. Joe Daniels
 - ii. Jordan Pic
 - iii. Britt Carter
 - iv. Jack Bowles

4. Discuss Risk Communication Report

- a. Introduce the Draft Risk Communication Report
- b. Comments:
 - . Risk communication is critical in dealing with an emergency and it is important to have a comprehensive system set up before a crisis happens.
 - i. Several members reiterated that they agree with the recommendations. Communities are the first line of defense in order to prepare people and defend the environment and natural resources, so it makes sense to have a clear document stating how important it is that the Agency work with communities and consider the risk communication strategies that they have in place.
- c. Motion to pass: Supervisor Ann Mallek
- d. Second: Commissioner Libby Szabo
- e. Vote Passes to send the Risk Communication Report on to the full LGAC

5. Open Floor to Discuss Issues of Concern

- i. This is a forum for members to discuss issues that are impacting their communities that can be addressed in future meetings. Topics mentioned include:
- ii. WOTUS and wetland mapping. It can be difficult to implement when ideas are changed halfway through. Members would like more clarity into the changes that have been made and the implementation process.
- iii. Harmful Algal Blooms, including in lakes. What is the Agency doing to address this problem?
- iv. Recycling, food waste, and waste management facilities.
 - i. Metal recycling in Carolina, Puerto Rico. A company is receiving old trucks and the grounds are becoming contaminated due to chemicals released. Would like clarity and to discuss how the federal government regulates contamination from companies like this. How can communities work with the EPA to **reinforce** the environmental regulations of different communities and be a resource to local officials?
- v. Clean Air Act regulations and Air Particulates-would like to follow up on what is being done to regulate.
- vi. Polluted former industrial sites and cleaned up former industrial sites that may have a negative stigma against them. What is being done on the federal level to track these? What resources are available to local officials?
- vii. If you can think of any more issues that you would like to address in future meetings, please email them to Daniels.joseph@epa.gov.

6. Wrap Up

- a. Thanks for calling in!
- b. Once again, if you are interested in the Vice-Chair position, please let us know.
- c. Meeting adjourned: 3:48pm ET