

Saginaw-Tittabawassee Rivers Contamination CAG
Full CAG Meeting
Memorial Park, 150 Park St., Freeland, MI
Tuesday March 17, 2014
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Draft Agenda

- 6:00 PM Introductions
 Agenda Review
 Check in with public
- 6:15 PM CAG Updates
- Results of January Retreat
 - Access to Technical Support through TAP (see attachment 1)
 - Membership Recruitment (see attachment 2)
 - Communication Committee
- 6:45 PM EPA Project updates
- Segment 2
 - Outreach
 - EPA Response to CTSTAG recommendations (separate document)
- 7:15 PM Update on AOC program
- 7:45 PM Floodplain cleanup decision and planned 2015 activities
- 8:15 PM Public questions and comments
- 8:30 PM Adjourn

Our Groundrules

In conducting the work of the CAG, members will:

- work cooperatively with each other, supporting agencies, and other stakeholders,
- be respectful of all participants,
- approach all issues and viewpoints with an open mind,
- work to ensure that their concerns and issues are articulated in a way that all stakeholders can understand,
- seek common ground wherever possible, and present and respect minority opinions where they exist.

Attachment 1. CAG Access to Independent Technical Assistance

One of the topics that was raised at the January 2015 CAG retreat, was whether the CAG could have access to independent technical assistance. Two different sources of such support were identified:

1. MSU under its grant can provide technical support in certain circumstances
2. The CAG can request resources from Dow to obtain independent technical support under the Community Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

The following explanation of TAP is excerpted from the Monday, April 19, 2010 Saginaw Tittabawassee Rivers Contamination CAG Meeting Summary:

Mary Logan, EPA Remedial Project Manager, discussed the opportunities for community technical assistance that are required under the agreement with Dow. Details include the following.

- *The agreement provides for funds to be provided to a qualified community group to hire technical advisors. In order to be qualified, a group must represent the entire community, not be controlled by any other organization, and have the wherewithal to manage the funds.*
- *Initial funding is \$50,000 with additional funds possible.*
- *Dow is obligated to implement and develop the technical assistance program with US EPA and DNRE oversight.*
- *Under the agreement with EPA, Dow is required to develop a technical assistance plan to describe the duties of Dow, the selected group, and technical advisors. The plan will also include an application process, eligibility requirements (as stated in AOC), and selection criteria.*
- *Only one group may receive funding under the arrangement.*
- *There are two possible methods for administering funds:*
 - *A grant like approach in which Dow provides monies to the selected group. This would require the group to be incorporated.*
 - *A non grant approach in which Dow manages the fund and creates contracts with technical consultants at the community's request.*
- *In EPA's view, the CAG represents the range/diversity of affected community interests, but would need to demonstrate its ability to manage the funds. The CAG membership is also sufficient as local government officials are acting in their personal capacity and Dow holds a non-voting status.*

Key Questions and answers related to Community Technical Assistance included:

- *It was asked whether the program is limited to a single technical advisor, and it was noted that the only limitation is the amount of money available.*
- *The grant is renewable, so the selected group could apply for additional resources.*

Attachment 2. CAG 2015 Membership Recruitment

Current Membership Terms

Terms Ending June 2016	Terms Ending June 2017	Terms Ending June 2018
Armando Falcon Leonard Heinzman James Krogsrud Donna Mallone David Sommers Joel Tanner	Drummond Black Deborah Huntley Michael Kelly Jim Koski William Marsrow Bryce Wakeman Bob Weise	Charles Curtiss Laura Ogar

CAG Members Retiring in 2015 and who have left during the past year

Jeffrey Bulls
Ryan Jankowksi
Frank Kuszak
Rachel Larimore
Judi Lincoln
David Meyer
Brian Thomas
Paul Vasold
William Webber

CAG Members Extending Terms

Two CAG members extended for a full 3 year term. Three CAG members extended with shorter terms as a result of gaps left by members leaving early. We now have decent balance across terms ending in the next two years.

Member Needs for 2015

- We should be seeking 4-5 new members for 3-year terms ending in June 2018
- Overall, we remain fairly balanced in perspectives and geography
- Ongoing gaps that we could fill include the environmental community, minority groups, an academic teaching in a related field, local business or water-related business

Potential Candidates

- Terry Miller, environmental community (Joel Tanner has talked to Terry and he indicated a desire to join)

**Saginaw-Tittabawassee Rivers Contamination CAG
2015 Calendar as of March 2015**

Meeting dates are subject to change and additional meetings may be called based on project-related activities and decisions, and invited speakers.

<p>January 19, 2015 MLK Day, at EPA Saginaw Office</p> <p>CAG working meeting/ retreat (No ex-officio attendance)</p>	<p>Potential topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAG 2014 accomplishments • CAG Communications, web site • 2015 Leadership Team • Member terms and recruiting new members • Confirm calendar/Potential 2015 topics
<p>March 16, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates • Membership recruitment • Retreat results • Update on AOC program • Floodplain cleanup decision, 2015 activities
<p>May 18, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates • Membership recruitment • Update on Midland area cleanup • Segment 3 cleanup plans initial discussion • Understanding Risk and Cleanup Levels for the Floodplain • Possible other topic
<p>July 20, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates • New Members • Institutional Controls • Segment 3 cleanup plans detailed discussion
<p>September 21, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates • Segment 3 cleanup plans development of recommendations
<p>November 16, 2015 (Should this be rescheduled due to hunting season)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates • Summary of 2015 completed work • Expected project work/activities in 2016 and beyond • Preliminary CAG meeting calendar for 2016 • Prepare for CAG 2016 Retreat

Other Potential Topics and Speakers for 2015

- NRDA program and activities
- Long-term monitoring
- Corp of Engineers—sediment cleaning technologies, sediment traps
- Revisit MSU ecological studies