

April 13, 2011
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Technical Advisory Task Force met on the above date and time in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. Task Force members in attendance were Peter Lawson, Charlie Plybon, Jim Fuller, Anne Sigleo, and Frank DiFillipis. Also in attendance were Tom Picciano (Georgia-Pacific), Karl Schumacher (Georgia-Pacific), Dave Wilson (CH2MHill), Jim Voetberg, Faith Cole, David Young, Jessica Miller, and Peggy Hawker.

INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION ON GEORGIA-PACIFIC SURVEY

Dave Wilson, from CH2MHill, presented an overview of Georgia-Pacific Toledo's NPDES Permit and Outfall Study. He reviewed the impetus for the study' what was done for the study; the mill history; the NPDES permit timeline and conditions; the ocean outfall study timeline; and the study. He discussed the survey area and study elements; field data collections; aquatic surveys including the marine habitat survey; sediment quality survey; benthic infauna community survey; effluent and creek runoff survey; and the marine water quality survey.

Schumacher and Wilson responded to questions that had previously been submitted by the Task Force. Questions included the impact of effluent on the health of people; the ocean; and ocean dwellers. It was noted that the effluent is not causing damage to the health of the ecosystem and that there is no evidence that organisms are impaired in the mixing zone. It was also noted that there is no measurable health risk from contact with the effluent. A discussion ensued regarding bioaccumulation. It was noted that no tissue studies were performed as a part of this study. The Task Force asked for a list of chemicals from the outfall, and a handout was distributed to several members. It was reported that there is no bleaching or disinfection of effluent from the mill. It was reported that DEQ did not require a bacterial analysis. The general conclusion of the study is that the effluent is not harmful to the ecosystem. It was also noted that an additional study is required and the data should be available in the fall. Schumacher agreed to accept additional questions from Task Force members.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Task Force will be April 27, 2011, at 5:30 P.M., in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall.