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RE: Draft Working Paper – June 24, 1999 CWG meeting

Attached please find the notes from the June 24, 1999 meeting of the Consultative Work Group for the Sherwin-Williams Site. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments. I can be reached at (510) 653-7848.

**DRAFT WORKING PAPER:
NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE WORK GROUP
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS SITE, EMERYVILLE, CALIFORNIA
June 24, 1999**

This meeting took place at the Sherwin-Williams plant on Sherwin Street in Emeryville. The meeting agenda is attached, along with a list of those who attended the meeting. (Jody Sparks indicated that there have been changes in her contact address and phone information. See the attached sign-in sheet for the currently correct contact information).

The deep well on site was sampled (at three depths) for VOCs, SVOCs, metals and TPH. Arsenic was found at all three depths, in the range of 6-16 mg/kg (8-10 mg/kg average). LFR recommends abandoning the well and grouting it from 165' to surface to seal it. The well casing has weakened and there is concern it could collapse unless it is properly abandoned. Abandonment will be scheduled for sometime in the next few weeks. It is possible that this well has been the source of excess water within the slurry wall.

Dewatering within the slurry wall continues, at a rate of less than 4 gpm during the dry season. There are now a total of ten wells within the slurry wall. The current treatment system has plenty of capacity to handle the water from these wells, as well as from the Rifkin property.

The new extraction wells have been installed on the Rifkin property and an aggressive startup-monitoring program is now in place to ensure that arsenic is not migrating further onto the Rifkin property. More information about conditions on the Rifkin property should be available in about a month.

The plant's storm water management system may remain in place for one additional rainy season. More information on this topic will be available at the next CWG meeting.

In December 1998, Sherwin-Williams submitted an application to the RWQCB for renewal of their NPDES permit allowing discharge of treated groundwater from the new MSE system. The new permit requested a continued discharge limit of 25 ppb for arsenic, at an increased flow rate of 30 gpm. The RWQCB is currently working on a new General Permit going before the Board in July and wants to review public comment on the General Permit before submitting the Sherwin-Williams permit. Mark Johnson said the Sherwin-Williams' application is likely to be on the August RWQCB meeting agenda. Jody Sparks added that a new fee is to be added to all NPDES permits to help fund the "orphan" sites share. The new fees could generate up to \$5 million per year. RWQCB is to send Sherwin-Williams a letter stating that it is OK to continue operating under the terms of the previous (now expired) permit until the Board takes action on the new permit application. A fact sheet about the revised General Permit will be issued in the near future and there will be a 30-day public review period.

There have been no recent inquiries from members of the public about work going on at the Sherwin-Williams site. CWG members felt that the current system of keeping the public informed—i.e. by updating the phone message and distributing it to interested parties in hard

copy or by e-mail, as well as keeping the local Information Repository up to date—works well. There is no apparent interest for more information or public involvement at this time. Ignacio Dayrit volunteered to find out what type of disclosure was given to persons who have purchased or are purchasing new lofts adjacent to the Sherwin-Williams facility.

DHS has still not completed the dust sampling at the Coop, and will not release any data until all results are in. CWG members expressed continued concern about the DHS sampling report, especially as the "dust" that concerned Coop residents was the dust that was around two summers ago. There is also concern that DHS may select an action level that is below the level currently considered to be background by other regulatory agencies. Finally, there is concern that DHS has not been clear about what will be done (and who will do it) if a problem is identified. Larry Mencin said that an addendum to the dust sampling plan has been prepared, and it needs to be circulated to the CWG members for review. Group members stated that the exchange of information by e-mail and on CD-ROM is appreciated.

In the next few weeks, ENTRIX will be engaged in RI fieldwork activities performed according to the RI Workplan. This work will include cone penetrometer testing (CPT), soil borings, soil and groundwater sampling, and installation of A-zone and B-zone wells. There may be a slight delay in scheduling some of the fieldwork on the Union Pacific railroad property while access agreements are being developed.

Finally, Ignacio Dayrit showed the group the Bangeman Award that the City recently received in Norway for its use of Information Technology in the environmental category. Congratulations were expressed by all.

The next CWG meeting was tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 1999, at the Sherwin-Williams plant in Emeryville.

**CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

CONSULTATIVE WORKGROUP MEETING

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
JUNE 24, 1999
9:30 AM**

**at
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS SITE
1450 SHERWIN AVENUE
EMERYVILLE**

- 1 - INTRODUCTION (5 min.)
- 2 - DEEP WELL - RESAMPLING, GEOPHYSICAL LOGGING AND FUTURE ABANDONMENT (30 min.)
- 3 - RIFKIN PROPERTY - EXTRACTION SYSTEM EXPANSION AND RELATED MONITORING PROGRAM (20 min.)
- 4 - NPDES PERMIT STATUS (15 min.)
- 5 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION UPDATE (5 min.)
- 6 - OTHER

Sherwin-Williams CWB Meeting
 June 24, 1999

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