

## Local Steering Committee Identifies Members for Community Advisory Board at the Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River & Bay Superfund Site

Alexandria, Virginia—Six local leaders worked together to select members of a new Superfund community advisory group (CAG) for the US Environmental Protection Agency dioxin cleanup activities on the Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River, and Saginaw Bay. Members of the Steering Committee included Peter Bagley, Noel Bush, Tom Hickner, Terry Miller, Felicia Seals-Buchanan, and Bob Van Deventer.

A Superfund CAG is a way for people in the community surrounding a Superfund site to participate in EPA's decision-making process and to present and discuss their needs and concerns. The CAG will not replace other forms of public input, but provide an opportunity for a more in-depth exploration of issues important to the community and to help identify common ground in the community where it exists.

The committee reviewed 46 applications submitted by local stakeholders. They sought to identify a manageable-sized group that could represent the overall community with regard to background, interests, age, gender, affiliations, geography, and viewpoints. The committee has identified a 23-member board with folks from Bay City, Saginaw, Midland, and several other communities representing a very wide range of backgrounds and interests.

"All of the applications the committee reviewed were from well qualified and wonderful members of the community. The challenge the steering committee faced was to identify a group that looks like the community, with the appropriate balance of ideas, perspectives, and interests. It was a challenging task, and it meant that some great folks were not selected. The committee really worked hard to get the balance right and bring a broad range of interests to the table. I think they did a great job," said Doug Sarno, an independent facilitator hired by USEPA to help manage the process.

The individuals who have been invited to participate on the CAG include:

R. Drummond Black, Midland	Michael Kelly, Freeland
Ronald Campbell, Frankenlust	Judith Lincoln, Saginaw
Carol Chisholm, Saginaw	Jan McGuire, Midland
Charles Curtiss, Bay City	David Meyer, Freeland
Michael Espinoza, Bay City	Laura Ogar, Bay City
Kathleen Hart, Mt. Pleasant	Annette Rummel, Frankenmuth
Leonard Heinzman, Freeland	Daniel Sosa, Saginaw
Deborah Huntley, Saginaw	Michelle Steele, Saginaw
Michelle Hurd-Riddick, Saginaw	Joel Tanner, Saginaw
Ryan Jankoska, Bay City	Paul Vasold, Freeland
Lametricia A. Johnson-Eaddy, Saginaw	William George Webber, Bay City/Lynnwood
Wendy Kanar, Midland	Bob Weise, Saginaw

The CAG is expected to begin formal meetings in January 2010.