

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER CHMM

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Chapter Monthly Meeting

May 20, 2009

Attendance:

Members Present: Tina Caputo, Shawn Foxworth, Shane Gerber, Mary Jackson, Ralph Nylund, Josh Sobelman, Eric Seward, Mike Strusowski, Michelle Vetterlein, Chris Wagner, Lisa Walton, Rich Wimmer

Prospective Members & Philly CHMM Chapter attendees: Chris Glackin, Mark Gramer, Bob Jones, Ellen Merer

Meeting Location: DuPont Chamber Works, Bldg 1193, Deepwater, NJ

Meeting Agenda: Waste Minimization & short business meeting

Call to Order

A dual meeting of MidAtlantic & Philadelphia CHMM Chapters was called to order Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 1:30pm at Bldg 1193 conference room.

Old Business:

Officer Reports:

1. The Secretary sent in the meeting minutes for April meeting to Rich Wimmer.

New Business:

1. Rich opened the meeting and thanked all who could attend.
2. Tina introduced Peter Piergiovanni, EPA Region 3 as the speaker for the Waste Minimization/Sustainability presentation. The cornerstone programs are National Partnership of Environmental Priorities (NPEP) Program and the Sustainability Partnership Program unique to EPA region 3 at this time. Handouts were circulated at the start of the presentation listing the priority chemicals that are the focus of the efforts by industry and EPA to reduce or eliminate. These have been updated in 2009 to include methylene chloride, formaldehyde, TCE, PCE, Benzene, and six phthalates. The order of sustainable measures from greatest to lowest benefit were presented as an inverted pyramid. The following were noted as most to least desirable: source reduction, recycling to front end processes, treatment onsite, and disposal offsite. Several of the benefits noted were: reduced costs, increased health of

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personnel and community, increased efficiency, less regulatory requirements, and lower company liability. There are EPA websites noted in the handouts that provide company guidance on getting started in these programs.

3. It was mentioned to Peter that some companies may avoid these programs due to a perception of increased regulatory scrutiny. Peter said it was not the intention of EPA to perform a compliance audit while onsite at the prospective company to help develop a reduction/minimization plan.
4. Rich mentioned the next meeting will be June 24th at Clean Earth, a soil recycling/incinerator in New Castle, DE. The meeting will be hosted by Josh from Brite Fields, Inc.
5. Treasurer Dave Levandoski will send the Treasurer report for March & April 2009. Rich took dues from a number of people, and will have Dave credit them to the bank account and give credit slips to those making dues payments at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at Chambers Works at 2:50 PM on May 20, 2009 with a thank you by Tina and a round of applause to Peter.

Respectfully submitted,
Shane Gerber, CHMM
Secretary Mid-Atlantic Chapter CHMM