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The Southwest Indianapolis Air Toxics Study Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

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Background:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) recently concluded a two-year study of air toxics in the Southwest quadrant of Indianapolis. IDEM studied one-hundred-sixty-eight (168) pollutants to determine whether any of them were present in the air in concentrations that would warrant further attention to reduce potential health risks.

Description:

Any project as complex as the Southwest Indianapolis Air Toxics Study can benefit from external input and review. To that end, IDEM formed the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to evaluate technical aspects of the study.

The TAG was a group of external technical experts from not-for-profit organizations, local industries and federal, state and local government agencies. The TAG was involved throughout the study; from the initial scoping of the project to the final review of the results report.

Purpose of the TAG:

Input from the TAG provided a practical review of the assumptions and calculations used to support the study. The TAG also served as a source of new ideas and different perspectives and helped to verify the study's conclusions. Consensus from the group on specific methodology or technical ideas was not necessary. The TAG was not a steering committee; however, IDEM used the input and technical expertise of the group to help in its decision-making process.

The TAG met with IDEM eleven (11) times over the course of the study. All TAG meetings were open to the public, as well as broadcasted in real-time over the Internet and posted on the study's Web site for later viewing. Laura Steadham of IDEM's Office of Land Quality served as facilitator of the meetings and helped ensure that each meeting followed the pre-determined agenda. During the meetings, members of the TAG discussed technical issues associated with the study and made recommendations to IDEM on the issues discussed. IDEM appreciates the hard work and dedication of all members of the TAG.

TAG Members:

- Dr. Jim Klaunig - Professor of Toxicology - Indiana University School of Medicine/IUPUI
- Rad Scott - Chemical Engineer - Eli Lilly
- Dr. Bill Beranek - Indiana Environmental Institute - chemist and community facilitator
- Dr. Phil Stevens - Professor of Chemistry, Indiana University General Public Representative-Air Pollution Control Board
- Dick Van Frank - Improving Kids' Environment
- Rod Thompson - SESCO Group
- Dr. George Bollweg - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
- Motria Caudill - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
- LaNetta Alexander - Environmental Epidemiologist - Indiana State Department of Health
- Pam Thevenow and Jason Ravenscroft – Marion County Health Department
- Dr. Syed Ghiassudin – IDEM Office of Water Quality



More Information:

- For more information on the TAG, please visit IDEM's Web site at <http://www.in.gov/idem/4502.htm>.
- For more information on the Southwest Indianapolis Air Toxics Study, please visit the study's Web site at <http://www.idem.IN.gov/programs/air/workgroups/swindyairtox>.
- For questions and concerns, please call IDEM's Office of Air Quality Project Management Section at (317) 234-3499.