

# AGENDA

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and The Dow Chemical Company (Dow)

**Midland/Saginaw/Bay City  
TRI-CITIES DIOXIN COMMUNITY MEETING**

**November 9, 2005  
Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State St., Saginaw**

**6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

DEQ and Dow representatives will also be available for individual discussion starting at 6:00 p.m. and for a half hour following the meeting.

For more information about the agenda topics below please click on the links below.

<b>Meeting Format, Ground Rules, Agenda, and Introductions</b> <i>Chuck Nelson, Facilitator</i>
<b>On-Going Community Involvement Process</b> - Brief summary of the events that led up to the decision to hold open community meetings on a regular basis with the public about the DEQ's and Dow's activities to investigate and address the elevated levels of dioxins and furans in the Tri-Cities area [ <a href="#">Community Involvement Process</a> ]. <i>Jim Sygo, Deputy Director, DEQ</i>
<b>DEQ Status Updates</b> <i>DEQ, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division (WHMD)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Timeline/Overview</b> - Synopsis of corrective action and license-related activities.</li><li>• <b>Existing Data Overview</b> - Presentation on existing river sediment and floodplain soil data using Google Earth software.</li><li>• <b>Advisory Signs</b> - Update on printing and installation of signs.</li><li>• <b>Approved Scopes of Work (SOWs) for Midland Area and Tittabawassee River and Floodplain</b> - General description of how the SOWs that were approved on October 18, 2005, lead into the development of the Remedial Investigation Work Plans that are due on December 31, 2005 [<a href="#">DEQ Approval Letter</a>, <a href="#">Midland SOW Cover Letter</a>, <a href="#">Midland Area SOW</a>, <a href="#">Tittabawassee SOW Cover Letter</a>, <a href="#">Tittabawassee SOW</a>]</li><li>• <b>Questions</b> - WHMD will take questions on these topics.</li></ul>

## **Dow Status Updates**

*Dow/Dow Contractor*

- **Status of Interim Response Activities (IRAs)** - Update on participation rates in Midland and Tittabawassee IRAs, addition of two new Bay City Community Information Center locations, and preparation for 2006 Tittabawassee Priority 2 IRAs.
- **Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) Preparations** - Anticipated Dow/DEQ activities leading up to submittal of the Midland and Tittabawassee RIWPs by December 31, 2005.
- **Bioavailability Study** - Update on pilot study results, independent science advisory panel review of study work plan, and next steps [[Pilot Study Report](#), [Follow-Up Pilot Study](#), and [TERA Peer Review Report](#)].
- **Questions** - Dow will take questions on these topics.

## **Comprehensive Agreement Discussion**

*DEQ/Dow/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

- **Overview** - How the Framework for an Agreement addresses resolution of potential government claims associated with off-site releases through establishment of a trust fund(s) or a combination of other actions and mechanisms, with stakeholder input, to pay for various ecological, human use enhancement, other projects and any necessary long term maintenance [[Framework](#)].
- **Introduction to Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA) Process** - Presentation that outlines the process by which trustees may recover damages for injuries to resources caused by hazardous substances and restore injured resources and/or the services they provide.

U.S. Department of the Interior and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Web sites for information on natural resource damages assessment and restoration:

<http://restoration.doi.gov/homepage.htm>

<http://www.darp.noaa.gov/about/nrda.html>

## **Questions and Discussion**

*All - Facilitated by Chuck Nelson*

- **Agenda Topics**
- **Other**
- **Future Agenda Topics**

## **Meeting Wrap-up/Adjourn**

*Chuck Nelson*