

**Wisconsin/DoD P2 Alliance
Meeting Minutes
National Guard Joint Staff Headquarters, Madison, WI
Thursday, 9 November 2006**

1. ATTENDANCE

In person:

Jack Annis, UW Stevens Point
CPT Buhler, WI Air National Guard
CPT Dunlap, WI Air National Guard
Pete Shuster, WI Army National Guard
Al Balliet, Fort McCoy
Nathan Olson, WI Army National Guard
Tony Nesky, Army Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 5
Jerry Rodenberg, WI DNR
Susan Gastke, WI Air National Guard
Mark McDermid, WI DNR

By telephone:

Tom Manning, Air Force Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 5
Thom Rennie, Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence

Al Balliet chaired the meeting, and Tony Nesky served as recorder.

2. MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

3. MEMBERSHIP

There were no membership changes. Some members have not attended in a while. Tony Nesky will send out a message asking if they are interested in participating. Steve Ford is no longer at General Mitchell ANGB.

4. WEBSITE

The website is up to date.

5. AWARDS

The Alliance will give awards to units, not just individuals. Kevin has a unit to nominate, but still has to get the information to Jerry. Jerry encouraged the group to make nominations, because there have not been any awards recently.

6. SUCCESS STORIES

Mike Miller sent in a story about the closure of CPT Dunlap reported that the phytoremediation at Volk Field is beginning to show results, and this could be a success story. Al Balliet at Fort McCoy is experimenting with a “weed seeking” robot that applies targeted herbicide. The use of botanical herbicides at Ft. McCoy has apparently been successful, and may be a success story. In addition, Fort McCoy has acquired a

hybrid electric train, which uses much less energy and has lower emissions. The Army National Guard has a new sorting and storage facilities for hazardous waste at Camp Williams. The Guard will go to water-based CARC at Camp Williams.

7. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Pete Shuster is the chair of state hazardous waste committee. Volk and Mitchell have traditionally participated. State agencies are invited. Mike Miller participated in DNR's training on the new hazardous waste law, and thought that it might be a useful Alliance activity.

8. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Pete Shuster has been doing RCRA and DOT seminars for the Wisconsin Council of Safety because the Guard has a goal of sharing its resources and expertise with the community.

9. HISTORICAL FILE

The group has decided to keep the file electronics. A lot of this could be linked. Presentations and handouts should be tied to the minutes.

10. FOLLOW-UP TO GREEN-TIER PARTICIPATION

Jerry and Mark handed out an issue paper on audit qualifications. For Green Tier, it is not necessary to go outside the group for a third party audit. It would be necessary to get auditor training, but DNR could arrange for the training. Fort McCoy is getting two people lead auditor certified to give assistance. Mark McDermid believes that the DoD audit system is sufficient. DNR is willing to work with the group.

DoD installations are having the same issue that Veridian is—regulatory uncertainty and environmental issues causes roadblocks in planning of projects. The Green Tier has helped Veridian incorporate environment into the planning process and has avoided costly delays and rework.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Blue Skies Initiative in Regions 6 and 7

Thom Rennie of the Air Force told the group about EPA's Blue Skies initiative (www.blueskyways.org) which is aimed at voluntarily reducing diesel emissions in EPA Region 6 and 7. Thom is the DoD lead in Region 6, and the Air Force petroleum office out of Wright-Patterson is also participating. DoD is interested in getting technology and the Fisher-Tropes process for jet fuels and alternative fuels. The State of Wisconsin has been invited to participate.

Thom also told the group about the DUSTRAN technology developed by a Texas university. The technology using a digital opacity camera to calculate fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) from dust.

Offer of Support from WI DNR

Alliance members held a discussion in which there was a general discussion that the environmental staff are viewed as the “show stoppers” or the “you can’t do that people.” Mark McDermid offered to give a presentation to appropriate personnel (Commanders, engineers) on the benefits of considering environmental considerations in early project planning.

12. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- Talk about the use of botanicals at Fort McCoy and view the hybrid train.
- Discuss pest management. Mobilizing units are spending 30 days in the forward operating bases or mock native villages, which brings pest problems.
- Schedule Jill Schoen to speak about the changes in WI waste regulations. Jill could give a briefing or perhaps schedule a class.
- Discuss expanding the Alliance’s scope to cover sustainability.
- WI DNR presentation/briefing to Commanders and engineers on integrating environmental concerns into operations.

12. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on 8 February 2007 at Ft. McCoy.

13. TASKINGS

- Contact members who have not attended meetings in a while to determine their interest or ability to name a successor-Tony
- Submit information to Jerry on the unit to receive an award—Kevin Devenport.
- Submit a success story about phytoremediation at Volk Field if it turns out to be a success— CPT Dunlap
- Submit a success story about the hybrid train—Al Balliet or Mike Miller
- Determine if the use of botanical herbicides is a success story and submit if appropriate.—Mike Miller
- Schedule a speaker about the changes in WI waste regulations—Jerry Rodenburg.
- Send Tony information on hazardous waste training for distribution on the LISTSERVE—Pete Shuster.