

**Wisconsin/DOD P2 Alliance  
Meeting Minutes  
Lussier Family Heritage Center, Madison, WI  
Tuesday, 26 June 2006**

1. ATTENDANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Mark McDermid, WI DNR  
Jerry Rodenberg, WI DNR  
Jennifer Blonn, WI DNR  
CPT Mike Dunlap, WI Air National Guard  
Pete Schuster, Army National Guard  
Kevin Devenport, Army Reserves

By Conference phone

Tony Nesky, Army REC, Region 5  
Phil Kaplan, EPA Region 5  
Mike Miller, Ft. McCoy  
Tom Manning, Air Force REC, Region 5

Jerry Rodenberg chaired the meeting, and shared the recorder duties with Tony Nesky and Jennifer Blonn.

2. MINUTES—Minutes from the 14 March 2006 meeting were approved.
3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE— CPT Mike Dunlap has replaced Doug Sveum as an Alliance member from the WI Air National Guard. Tony corrected and distributed the new membership list.
4. WEB SITE UPDATE—The website will be brought up to date with the addition of the 2006 work plan and the latest meeting minutes.
5. AWARDS UPDATE—Kevin mentioned that he had several reserve units that have done an outstanding job to promote the goals of the Alliance. After some discussion it was agreed that an achievement award could be given to an individual or a guard unit. Kevin will send Jerry the information needed to print an award for review and approval at the next meeting.
6. SUCCESS STORIES—Several success stories were discussed but the information is not in a form suitable to post to the website. Mike will send Jerry an article from the Camp McCoy newsletter (The Triad) about a project using soil from an abandoned coal pile area to cap a demolition material landfill. Jerry will edit the article and post it to the website. Mike Dunlap may also have a success story from Volk Field.

7. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES—Mike will send Tony information about an Environmental Law Class at Ft McCoy and if pertinent Tony will forward it over the LISTSERVE.
8. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES—The military facilities have been involved with the community. Involvement, however, has been primarily in providing family support for deployed personnel and not environmental activities.
9. HISTORICAL FILE 06-06—It was decided that it would be more efficient to have an online history file and we will start to implement this change. Phil suggested that we could at least provide a hyperlink to things on the History file table of contents that is on the DNR website.
10. MILITARY FACILITIES PARTICIPATION IN GREEN TIER- Mark McDermid first asked each member what they would like to learn about Green Tier (GT). Their concerns were:

- How can they sell GT to the top command
- Who can perform a compliance audit, can they be from another military unit
- Can audit frequencies be fit into their normal audit schedule
- What are the benefits to a military facility.

Mark first gave a brief explanation of the GT program which can be found on the DNR website at [greentier@wi.gov](mailto:greentier@wi.gov). Mark presented several reasons why Alliance members should consider participating in GT with examples from current GT participants.

- Differentiate yourself from other regulated entities as a superior environmental performer
- Get accepted in the community
- Request regulatory relief if in Tier 2
- Improve your working relationship with DNR inspectors
- Will be able to implement innovation solutions to environmental problems
- Leverage the EMS to show that there is payback and it was worth the time and effort to implement the EMS
- Specific benefits include having the lowest possible inspection frequency, a single point of contact at the WDNR, deferred civil enforcement and use of the GT logo

Mark answered several questions from Alliance members.

- DNR can offer regulatory flexibility to entities with an EMS because they are thinking systematically about environmental management. The GT contract is a formalized relationship with pledged superior environmental performance and the results are documented periodically to the DNR and become public information.
- An outside EMS auditor can be someone within DOD staff. For example, another state national guard could audit the Wisconsin National Guard.

- It is recommended that a unit apply for Tier One when they are within one year of fully implementing their EMS

Mark said that the Green Tier program is directly applicable to DoD mission sustainability initiatives. He cited the Clear Water Initiative Charter, which is The Charter is a partnership effort between the regulatory community (Dane County, the City of Madison, the City of Sun Prairie, and the Department of Natural Resources) and the building community (Veridian Homes LLC, a builder of single and multi family homes). This partnership seeks to avoid conflicts and promote sustainable land use by through involvement of the regulatory community the planning phase of developments, and establishment of minimum performance standards for subdivisions and individual lots.

11. TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS— Alliance members would like to learn about the training requirements to be a lead EMS auditor. This would not be a training session, it would just provide information on what training is required. Members would also like some discussion about how an EMS benefits a facility. Perhaps this would be information from an entity that has an EMS and has information to show the benefits.

12. NEXT MEETING—Pete Schuster will host the next meeting in Madison in late October or early November. Tony and Pete will suggest at least 3 alternate dates so members can pick a date that works for them, and hopefully this will improve meeting attendance.

### 13. TASKINGS

- Send Jerry an article from the Triad about the Fort McCoy project success story. (Mike Miller- Completed)
- Determine if Volk Field has an additional success story, and forward to Jerry.—CPT Dunlap
- Find out if the Environmental Law course at Fort McCoy is open to others, and forward information to Tony for distribution if appropriate—Mike Miller
- Look for Army and DoD resources on EMS lead auditor training—Tony Nesky
- Look for DNR resources on EMS lead auditor training—Jerry Rodenberg
- Edit and post success stories on CEA's Alliance website- Jerry Rodenberg
- Send Jerry the information needed to print a unit award for review and approval at the next meeting.- Kevin Davenport
- Revise and distribute the contact list over the LISTSERVE(Tony Nesky- Completed)
- Circulate at least three dates in late October or early November for the next meeting.-(Pete Schuster and Tony Nesky-Completed.)