



Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition

GIEC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 8, 1998 / 3 - 7:30 P.M.

Atlanta Gas Light Company, Atlanta

Attendees:	Jim Baker	Jim Burson	Larry Bradbury	Darahyl Dennis
	Danny Duggar	Terry Snell	Paul Sims (for W. Hill)	
	Larry Neal (until 4:30 p.m.)		Debbie Ryan	

J. Baker, as SC Chairman, facilitated this meeting and began with...

May 18, 1998 SC Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the May 18th SC meeting were reviewed and approved by the SC.

HSRA Workgroup Issues

Lead Rule and ground-water classification letter to D. Word - Discussed two most recent draft versions. Main difference between each is in philosophy. 1st version is in two-page letter format that includes all GIEC concerns. 2nd version is in one-page letter plus one-page attachment format that includes issues important to address before rule is proposed and EPD limited GIEC to in letter and secondary issues/outside-of-EPD scope in attachment. However, L. Neal pointed out that the "drinking water concentrations" and "Type 3" issues noted in attachment are particularly worrisome. Majority ruled to use 2nd version: remember to attach figures (L. Neal has) to letter and need to fine tune language at top of attachment and in "Other Considerations" section of letter. Also need to rewrite the 1st paragraph of letter to state: (1) purpose of letter - "This is our understanding..." and (2) contrary to March 26th letter - "We will support the rule that embodies our understanding...". The 2nd paragraph of letter should say: (1) "However, EPD limited the scope and stated there were no other issues..." and (2) "There were other issues that GIEC wants to discuss in a subsequent rulemaking...attachment".

Other sentence suggestions included: (1) "Prior to our April 23rd meeting, EPD restricted the scope of issues to be discussed and so we have limited the comments herein..." and (2) "Rule-making process needs to move forward...".

Action Item(s): D. Ryan to send rewrite to all SC, especially L. Bradbury and P. Sims by close of business July 9th. Once comments received from SC, final draft to be sent to HSRA Workgroup and General Membership for concurrence/comments. Once those are received, letter, attachment and figures to be sent to D. Word asap.

"Background" White Paper - Reviewed final draft of white paper and concurred ready to send to EPD as draft requesting their comments.

Action Item(s): D. Ryan to draft cover memo to J. Kaduck from J. Baker and D. Dennis; cc to rest of appropriate EPD (including T. Cash and D. Word) and GIEC SC and General Membership. Memo should state "here's draft for comments so that GIEC can finalize this issue and move forward onto next item as identified in February meeting among GIEC, EPD and EPA representatives. D. Ryan to get comments from J. Baker and D. Dennis re: memo. Once finalized, e-mail cover memo and draft white paper to J. Kaduck and T. Cash. All other cc's receive both via U.S. mail.

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Water Resources Workgroup Issues

Notes and overhead copies from June 25th TMDL Workshop meeting were given to SC.

M. Wilder had been asked by Alan Hallum to provide a GIEC member to represent industry on the "Unified Watershed Assessment Group". M. Wilder would like to be that rep. if the SC agreed, which they did.

Action Item(s): D. Ryan to inform M. Wilder of SC decision asap.

Emerging GA Coalitions - Opportunities for GIEC?

Alston & Bird proposal - (1) D. Dennis to go back to H. Rosenzweig of Troutman Sanders to inform him of reasons GIEC may be arranging for A&B to provide technical support on TMDL issue: A&B started state-wide seminars to begin interest in a TMDL-coalition. GIEC and A&B felt teaming would be smarter than each group going about it separately. Also, there is strong potential for GIEC to obtain new members through A&B's recommendations to their clients. (2) SC reviewed A&B proposal to provide GIEC with TMDL-related support and had following questions/concerns: (a) Will A&B continue on with their seminar schedule or will they team with GIEC? (b) Necessary to better define deliverables (i.e., How many workshops in 3-months? How will they set-up extranet? How will they monitor and report TMDL updates?) (c) Clarify relationship (i.e., If GIEC were to hold a TMDL workshop with A&B, will the banner say A&B?)

Action Item(s): D. Ryan to get questions answered and clarifications as indicated and report back to SC for discussion at the August 12th SC meeting, unless A&B needs response before then.

NOx Coalition letter of interest - J. Baker described his idea to attempt to incorporate this ad hoc coalition under the GIEC umbrella, within the GIEC Air Workgroup. The letter of interest submitted to Chris Hobson was suppose to express the desire for GIEC to meet with the NOx Coalition VIPs to explore idea further. Unfortunately, as presented in a meeting earlier today among members of the NOx Coalition, the decision has already been made to formalize this Coalition and call it "Georgia Coalition for Sound Environmental Policy". A discussion among SC members then occurred, which included an examining of when, how GIEC missed this opportunity; the potential for GCSEP to become a direct competitor of GIEC's; and whether GIEC should re-consider its position on lobbying. Decision for GIEC to become a member (\$100 for '98) of GCSEP will be postponed until after GCSEP's mission/purpose is determined.

Action Item(s): D. Ryan to draft letter to retract LOI by stating "GIEC's SC has met and your administrative needs would best be served by another organization." J. Baker and L. Neal to sign. Add "lobbying" topic and whether GIEC should become member of GCSEP to August 12th SC meeting's agenda.

Environmental Roundtable

J. Burson stated that he plans to set-up first meeting among GIEC, EPD and Environmental Advocacy Reps in Fall.

'98 GCC/GIEC Annual Environmental Conference

Update to Conference attendance given: registrants over 100. GCC called to say its short of its goals for exhibitors and break sponsors. J. Burson/Merck and D. Dennis/GA Power committed to being break sponsors to support GCC and T. Snell/William L Bonnell requested to be called by GCC as they may be able to provide a break sponsorship. Approval for up to \$1,200 given by SC to update signs for GIEC exhibitor booth. Some minor changes to draft sign verbiage requested by SC - (1) change "limited" to "open" in membership information sign; (2) use Option 2 for membership/structure information sign; (3) Use complete member company names, as opposed to existing abbreviated names.

Action Item(s): D. Ryan to notify GCC of above break sponsors. D. Ryan to have signs for GIEC exhibit booth made.

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Membership Recruitment Project

Project Status - D. Ryan gave update due to L. Neal's absence. SC approved the final \$2,500 payment to S. Stone since the present prospect list is probably the best we're going to get from her. All SC members requested they receive the list in electronic form. Regarding the membership recruitment package, it was requested that GIEC's phone number be added to each insert.

Potential Members - SC decided that it would not be appropriate to allow Georgia State University to become a GIEC member, due primarily to a potential conflict of interest (i.e., What would happen if GIEC was sued by EPD? Would they be in a position to be in a public forum criticizing EPD? Interests are not similar to GIEC's). SC suggested they be invited to GIEC workshops in future.

Misc.

D. Ryan asked for the SC to consider approving \$2k towards L. Neal's excessive amount of time spent over the past month preparing the GIEC and GCC Environmental Conference Program. SC requested D. Ryan leave the room while they discussed. After SC's decision made, D. Ryan was told that SC approved the \$2k but in the future SC would need request made *prior* to time spent.

Next GIEC Steering Committee Meeting to be held at Law Engineering, Kennesaw, on Wednesday, August 12, 1998.

Meeting adjourned by J. Baker at 7:30 p.m.

Cc: GIEC Steering Committee
L. Neal, GIEC Executive Director