



Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition

GIEC STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 27, 1996, 8:30 a.m.

THOSE PRESENT:

Ray Osborne/Douglas & Lomason Company
Lisa Hayden/Douglas & Lomason Company
Jim Burson/Merck & Company
Larry Bradbury/Atlanta Gas Light Company
Larry Neal/GIEC Technical Advisor

Jim Baker/Union Camp Corporation
Danny Duggar/Forstman & Company
Win Hill/Southwire
Russ Schlecht/GIEC Executive Secretary
Candy Ross/GIEC Admin. Assistant

Chairperson Ray Osborne convened the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

Ray Osborne asked the Steering Committee to review the minutes of the July 29, 1996 conference call. A motion was made to unanimously approve the minutes as written.

Ray Osborne asked each of the workgroups to give a report on the status of events for their group.

Larry Bradbury, Chairperson of the EPD/Industry Interaction Workgroup provided an update from the first meeting held in December 1995 with EPD and a second meeting held in May 1996. Mr. Bradbury informed the Steering Committee that he and Ray Osborne had met with David Word of EPD in July during an informal luncheon to discuss the status of the lead rule and the efforts that the EPD/Industry Interaction and HSRA Workgroups are making for the lead rule. They informed David Word that the GIEC Workgroups did not feel the comments given to EPD were being given serious consideration. After some discussion, David Word, Larry Bradbury, and Ray Osborne agreed to hold a series of meetings to work through the comment concerns. The Steering Committee agreed that EPD communication is an issue common to all workgroups and therefore, the workgroups need to share experiences and approaches. Jim Burson asked if any comments have been received from EPD regarding GIEC comments to the Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA) submitted in July. Larry Bradbury noted he would make a call to David Word the later part of September or early October to try and arrange a meeting to learn the status of the comments regarding the PPA. Mr. Burson is concerned that the EPD may not effectively use or follow through with philosophies outlined in the PPA. Jim Baker reinforced the concern and would like to see continuing dialogue. Ray Osborne drafted a diagram showing the process used by the Workgroups within GIEC for addressing specific issues. He gave a brief overview of how each workgroup relates to the other and with EPD. He noted during the diagram discussion that GIEC was serious and strongly feels we are not being heard by EPD. It was suggested a document be developed outlining specifically how GIEC and EPD will work together. Some ground rules need to be developed for this partnering agreement between GIEC and EPD. It needs

to be short and concise so we can work together. Danny Duggar asked that the document be developed generically and not be specific to anyone program.

Jim Baker of the RCRA Workgroup reported to the Steering Committee that comments to EPD's draft risk-based clean up guidance would be sent to EPD on August 30, 1996. Once the comments are received, the Workgroup would like to have a meeting or conference call to follow-up on the comment status and meet with EPD. Mr. Baker noted he would make a call in several weeks to follow-up and ask for a meeting with the RCRA Workgroup and the Hazardous Waste Branch. Once the meeting is arranged, Mr. Baker will call and invite David Word to attend. Mr. Baker informed the Steering Committee of several possible upcoming issues including Sub part S, Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. It was agreed that GIEC will submit comments on this document.

Jim Burson reported on the status of the Air Workgroup. There has not been a significant amount of activity except for Title V. Most facilities already have their Title V application underway. EPD expects to start issuing permits by January 1997. Ray Osborne mentioned that NAM raised PM 2.5 and ozone as two other potential air issues.

Ray Osborne reported to the Steering Committee the latest information regarding the Lead Rule. He noted that GIEC is trying to obtain an expert to educate and inform GIEC and EPD and make a presentation to EPD. The Steering Committee discussed various ways to conduct a Technical Workshop for GIEC members only and a Technical Workshop for GIEC and EPD jointly. The consensus was to have one expert do both. Larry Neal told the group that proposals from potential experts were due by 5 p.m. on August 27th. A selection committee will review and make the decision of one of the three experts to use. Also, funding was discussed. GIEC will rely on a special assessment from the membership to fund this expert's time and expenses. Copies of the three "request for proposals" were distributed to the group. The group discussed possible dates for the educational sessions September 13th, September 20th and presentation to EPD on September 27th. Ray Osborne told the Steering Committee the four topics of the joint meetings with EPD would be:

1. EPD would hear what GIEC has to say
2. EPD will respond to GIEC
3. EPD will submit draft to GIEC
4. GIEC will respond to draft

Russ Schlecht gave the group a breakdown of the financial statement. Mr. Schlecht noted the additional cost of the lead rule took us below the beginning balance that existed at the start of the fiscal year. Some discussion was held regarding the Lead Rule funding. A question was asked, do we deplete the GIEC account to fund this effort? The group felt a special assessment was needed to fund the Lead Rule challenge.

Mr. Schlecht gave an overview of the membership and noted only one new member had joined this year. It was discussed that GIEC members need to solicit other industries for membership. A possible list would be the CSR Call-In group.

Following lunch, the 1996-1997 Steering Committee nomination slate was discussed. Three candidates were discussed. They were: Jim McClatchey, Terry Snell, and Virginia Holton. After considerable discussion, the Steering Committee unanimously selected Terry Snell to be added to

the slate presented to the general membership. The nomination ballot will go out by August 28th and returned by September 6th.

The By-Law Revisions were discussed. Several corrections were made and Ray Osborne asked Russ Schlecht to review once more and then distribute to the membership for their approval. The motion was made by Jim Baker to accept the revisions after the changes are made and seconded by Danny Duggar.

Russ Schlecht brought the group up-to-date on the Georgia Chamber of Commerce/GIEC Environmental Conference scheduled for September 24 and 25, 1996. Mr. Schlecht noted that a replacement for Terry Snell was needed because Mr. Snell was scheduled to be on a long term project. Also, a replacement for the closing remarks now slated for Larry Bradbury may be needed. Ray Osborne volunteered to do the closing remarks, if necessary.

Ray Osborne lead a discussion of Where Is GIEC Going? The group felt it was good to keep the same workgroups with possible expanding issues arising in the future. Also, he suggested having a different chairperson for the HSRA Workgroup.

The remaining attendees asked that a letter be drafted for the membership explaining the HSRA Lead Rule request for the special assessment. After the three proposals are received, the amount of money that will be needed now and possibly in the near future should be known.

The meeting ended at 2 p.m. (A quorum was not present to officially conclude the meeting). Mr. Osborne noted before closing, that a conference call would need to held soon for the Steering Committee to complete the discussion of several topics.

