



November 21, 1989

Dear Citizen's Advisory Forum Member:

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes and attachments from the Citizen's Advisory Forum meeting held at the EPA Public Information Office June 27, 1989. Please review the minutes for completeness and accuracy.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 1989 at 4:00 p.m., at the US EPA Public Information Office. Tony Luppino will be chairperson.

The newly appointed Regional Administrator for the US EPA, Region II, Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff, along with Kevin Bricke, Niagara Frontier Program Manager, and Bill Nelson, A.T.S.D.R. will be in attendance at this meeting to address the items on the attached agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Storr".

Mary Ann Storr

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CITIZEN'S ADVISORY FORUM

December 5, 1989

AGENDA

- I. Introduction and opening remarks from Tony Luppino
- II. Review and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- III. Discussion of topics
 - Remarks by Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff,
Regional Administrator, USEPA, Region II
 - Status of waste sites affecting the
Niagara River
 - Risk Assessment
 - Other Items
- IV. Schedule for next meeting

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY FORUM

Minutes of the June 27, 1989 Meeting

The meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Forum (CAF) was held at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Public Information Office, Suite 530, 345 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY, on June 27, 1989. The following were in attendance:

Bruce Kershner
Kevin Bricke
Bill Muszynski
Charles Zafonte
Mike Basile

Tim Gabel
Sr. Margeen Hoffmann
Susan Bloss
Peter Buechi
Barbara Taylor

1. **Introduction and Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by the Chairman, Sr. Margeen Hoffmann of Great Lakes United. Sr. Margeen stated her desire for more frequent CAF meetings with agendas that cover a wider range of topics that would be of interest to a greater number of people.

Kevin Bricke stated that the next CAF meeting would cover the status of all waste sites affecting the Niagara River and perhaps at that time there would be a new Regional Administrator in place. Mr. Bricke added that the group was always open to the discussion of any topic.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 26, 1988 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. **Summary of Niagara River Toxics Management Plan Coordination Committee Meeting:** Kevin Bricke summarized this year's U.S. Upstream/Downstream Report. The report provides a second year of ambient data which will help the parties measure progress in the river's cleanup. Kevin pointed out that 0-5% of the discharge to the Niagara River is point source discharge and the Falls St. Tunnel is believed to account for most of that point source figure. The City of Niagara Falls has been ordered to clean up the tunnel by July 31, 1989.

The U.S. Point Source Plan is an interim plan although it meets all established requirements. The Canadian Point Source Plan is final.

Kevin Bricke also mentioned the Technical Committee Workshop. Twenty-seven citizens applied to serve as full members of the technical committees and those

interested citizens will meet at a July 12 workshop to elect representatives to each committee. This workshop is part of an effort to increase public participation in the Niagara River/Lake Ontario Toxics Management Plans.

4. **U.S./Latvia Environmental Issues Conference:** Susan Bloss discussed the events of the April 29-30, 1989 conference which took place at the Chautauqua Institution.

Representatives from the EPA, NYSDEC, NYSDOH, E & E, industry, citizen activist groups, and the American office of the Latvian Environmental Protection Club met and addressed the group on all aspects of environmental problems, solutions, and mechanisms for promoting citizen participation in governmental processes.

The two-day conference educated both its U.S. and Latvian participants in the problems facing their respective countries and what systems exist to address those problems. The conference also re-emphasized the universality of environmental concern and the necessity for cooperation between countries. Many contacts were made that are allowing U.S. participants to aid and assist the Latvian visitors in furthering their efforts to develop environmental standards and controls in a republic where environmental regulation is lagging years behind our own.

6. **Agenda for Next Meeting:** As mentioned previously, the next CAF meeting will likely cover the status of all waste sites affecting the Niagara River. Sr. Margeen suggested that she would be interested in having a speaker address what activities can take place in a coastal zone since she is currently involved in efforts to oppose the Hastings project.
7. **Scheduled Date for Next Meeting:** The next CAF meeting will be scheduled to coincide with the next Coordination Committee meeting. As soon as a date is chosen, members will be notified. Tony Luppino will be contacted to see if he will serve as chairperson for the next meeting.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was called to a close at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Taylor