



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

Summary of January 26, 2015 Meeting

DPCAC Plants Present Annual “State of the Plants” Reports

Seventeen Deer Park industrial facilities reviewed their achievements in 2014 and their plans and goals for 2015 at the late January meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC). Among the information shared was the following.

No OSHA recordable workplace injuries or illnesses occurred at Hexion (formerly Momentive), Oxy Vinyls Vinyl Chloride Monomer and Polyvinyl Chloride Plants, and Valvoline in 2014. Shell noted that its worker safety rate had improved though its goal of zero OSHA recordable injuries was not met.

No reportable quantity chemical releases occurred at Delta Companies Group, GEO Specialty Chemicals, Oxy Vinyls Polyvinyl Chloride plant, Texas Molecular, or Valvoline. Evonik said the plant had its best ever environmental performance last year. At Shell, fewer reportable environment incidents occurred in 2014 compared to prior years. Dow is launching a Save a Life program at its Houston area plants.

Investments in infrastructure or expansions are taking place at Clean Harbors, Evonik, GEO Specialty Chemicals, Intercontinental Terminals, Lubrizol, Valvoline, and Vopak. Companies in the oil business are concerned about the drop in crude oil prices, some chemical companies are monitoring this situation, but others do not expect to be affected.

DPCAC will meet again on Mon. Feb. 23 to hear Bruce Mann, Freight Mobility Director for the Port of Houston Authority, discuss Impacts on Roads from Industrial Growth and Panama Canal Expansion. Visitors are welcome! For details about the 6 p.m. meeting, contact facilitator Diane Sheridan at 281-326-5253. Visit www.deerparkcac.org to read recent meeting topics, find links to useful resources on emergency communications and the environment, see lists of DPCAC community and plant members, and read our mission and purpose statements.