



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

Summary of April 24, 2017 Meeting

DPCAC Hears about Workforce Development Efforts of Organizations and College

From previous discussions, the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) knows that there is a shortage of skilled labor along the Gulf Coast and that industry, community colleges, and many others are working to develop the future industry workforce. In February, members learned about the East Harris County Manufacturers Association website called www.PetrochemWorks.com that matches your interests with jobs. At its late April meeting, DPCAC heard from three speakers about their efforts to interest people in good-paying petrochemical and construction industry jobs. Jobs are opening as industry grows but mostly to replace those retiring after spending their careers working in local plants.

The Construction and Maintenance Education Foundation (CMEF) is the educational affiliate of the 500+ member Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston. CMEF offers NCCER, a standardized training program for crafts such as welding and pipefitting, which is used worldwide. CMEF's extensive outreach program reached 43 high schools, 22 school districts, and 5100 students in 2016. DPCAC member Steve Horton, CMEF Schools Training Division Director, said their school outreach also included a day-long camp to interest 8th grade girls in construction careers. See attached slides and www.cmefhouston.org.

Dream It, Do It, a national program sponsored locally by the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region serves Harris and 6 other Gulf Coast Counties by focusing on careers in petrochemicals, maritime, logistics, transportation, and construction. David King of INEOS said the Southeast Texas group will take part October 6 in a nationwide Manufacturing Day that will allow students and educators to tour plants and gain first-hand experience with industry jobs. See attached slides and www.dreamitdoittx.org.

DPCAC members are familiar with San Jacinto College but were glad to hear from DPCAC member Jeffrey Parks, Dean of Business and Technology, about 5 of the 22 programs in his department where there is a particular need for workers. These include Process Technology, Instrument Technology, Non-Destructive Testing, Electrical, and Welding. San Jacinto College offers both one and two year certificates in many programs as well as 2-year Associate of Applied Science degrees that couple technical education with academic courses. The college bond issue approved in 2016 by voters is funding a new Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and

Technology. One of its features will be a small plant unit where students can learn chemical processing more complex than current facilities allow. See www.sanjac.edu.

All three speakers emphasized that local organizations, colleges, and industry are all working in partnership to interest students in, and prepare them for, jobs in industry.

The May 22nd Deer Park Community Advisory Council meeting will update attendees on security regulations for industry. Visitors are welcome. For an invitation and details about the 6:00 p.m. meeting, contact the DPCAC facilitator at info@deerparkcac.org. Visit www.deerparkcac.org to read about 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 purposes.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Each CAC agenda offers time for Updates of various types. On a set schedule, at each meeting, two or three DPCAC plants provide written updates on safety and environmental performance and business news. At any meeting, plants with significant news make verbal reports. Members report on community activities or ask questions related to the CAC. The CAC also makes decisions on organizational matters as needed. Below are a few highlights from the April 2017 updates, covering from October 2016 to April 2017.

Plants often report injuries or illnesses with the OSHA recordable rate—the rate of injury for 100 workers working one year. A recordable rate of 1.00 is the equivalent of one injury per 100 workers in a year.

Evonik Oil Additives

No reportable spills or releases in this time period. No recordable injuries since October 2014. The site held its first Safety Day of 2017, featuring multiple safety topics.

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Vopak Deer Park Terminal

Broke ground on a large expansion project that will add 10 new storage tanks to the terminal. Completion is planned for late 2018.

“The Vopak Deer Park Terminal is a third party storage, import / export, and distribution facility handling the following products: Biofuels, Chemicals, and Petroleum products.”