



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Two Topics Discussed at DPCAC Meeting: Sale of Shell Refinery and Factors to Consider When Seeking Cancer Causes

Two topics of community interest were addressed at the most recent meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC). First, Shell Deer Park General Manager Guy Hackwell updated the CAC on the sale of the refinery to joint venture partner Pemex. The sale is expected to close late in the 4th quarter, pending regulatory approvals. Shell will remain the owner and operator of Shell Deer Park Chemicals. The two sites will still be integrated; e.g. the refinery will provide emergency response for Shell Deer Park Chemicals and other companies on the Deer Park site. Nathan Levin will be General Manager of the Shell Deer Park Chemicals plant. Hackwell will be General Manager for the yet-to-be-named refinery and will represent the refinery at DPCAC meetings. All refinery employees were offered employment with Pemex, although some have elected to retire.

The second topic featured Scott Malm, Ph.D., a Project Toxicologist with CTEH, speaking about the many factors researchers must consider when seeking a cause for cancer. Malm provided a general overview of cancer and how it occurs, then discussed the various risk factors. He reviewed questions to ask when researching causes of cancer, listed high-quality scientific journals where reliable information may be found, and described the pros and cons of various ways to conduct cancer studies.

DPCAC's Nov. 29 meeting, via Zoom, features a summary of Texas Cancer Registry data on Deer Park. Visitors are welcome! For an invitation, contact info@deerparkcac.org.

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