



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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DPCAC Chooses Meeting Topics for 2023

When the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) periodically brainstorms meeting topics for the next year, there is never a lack of suggestions. Recently, small group discussion initially generated 22 suggestions from DPCAC community members, managers of 16 Deer Park petrochemical facilities, and visitors. They considered their own ideas, issues they hear about in the community and in the news, topics DPCAC has addressed over the last 5 years, other CACs' topics, and issues about which industry wants the community to be aware.

After brainstorming, small groups suggested 18 topics for the full group to consider. After these were posted on large sheets of paper, everyone was given sticky dots to spend on subjects they most want to cover in the coming year. Working from the topics that received the most points from community members, a planning committee will draft a Program Plan, which the membership will review and adopt. The plan then will then guide what goes on the group's agendas for the coming year.

Tied for the most sticky dots from both community and plant attendees were two topics: SH 225 and SH 146 construction and traffic and carbon reduction efforts in industry. Also of high interest were PortHouston's educational boat tour of the Houston Ship Channel, cybersecurity in plants, coastal protection from hurricane surge, and a field trip to TranStar to see the emergency operations center to learn what would happen there in a major plant event.

DPCAC is a forum for candid and constructive dialogue between those who live or work in Deer Park and managers from 16 Deer Park petrochemical facilities. Visitors are welcome. If you would like an invitation to attend one of the 6 p.m. meetings, contact a member or email the DPCAC facilitator at info@deerparkcac.org. The group meets again September 26, 2022 for the Annual Report on Emissions from DPCAC Plants. DPCAC shares information about its meetings and presentations at www.deerparkcac.org.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Each CAC agenda offers time for updates from community and plant members. On a set schedule, at each meeting, 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. Highlights from Plant Updates are listed here. They cover January-August 2022.

Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) – On-site soil remediation inside the “2nd 80s” tank farm is complete with the exception of the northern border, which is pending pipeline relocation. The next areas to be remediated include the following: (1) the onsite areas immediately adjacent to the tank farm, (2) Tucker Bayou South of Tidal Road, and (3) Independence Parkway ditches. The remediation of the Independence Parkway ditches will commence in Aug/Sept 2022.

“Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) is a for-hire bulk storage facility located on the Houston Ship Channel in Deer Park, Texas. The facility covers 265 acres and has a total storage capacity of over 11,858,136 barrels in 226 storage tanks. The facility is served by vessel, barge, rail, tank truck, and pipeline modes. ITC presently employs 315 at the Deer Park terminal.

Lubrizol Corporation – The Deer Park site continues to implement a program called Human Performance Improvement to identify and prevent the next injury or event. The OSHA recordable injury rate for 2022 YTD is 0.64. Since the last report to DPCAC, the plant experienced 3 recordable injuries, 1 of which turned into a lost-time case.

“Lubrizol produces specialty chemicals (lubricant additives) used in motor oils, gear oils, automatic transmission fluids and greases to improve their performance. Our customers include Castrol, Chevron, Citgo, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Imperial Oil, BP, Shell, Total, Valvoline and many, many others. When you go into your local auto supply store and look at the many rows of motor oils, automatic transmission fluids, gear oils and greases, our chemistry is in many of those products.”

Westlake Epoxy (formerly Hexion) – No reportable quantity releases or process safety events since the last report to DPCAC. One contractor injury. On February 1, 2022, Westlake Chemical Corporation completed the acquisition of Hexion Inc.’s global epoxy business. The Deer Park plant is one of Westlake Epoxy’s 3 manufacturing sites in the US.

“Products produced at Deer Park Westlake Epoxy plant include Bisphenol Acetone (BPA) and various grades of liquid and solid epoxy resin. BPA’s primary use is as a feedstock for epoxy resin and polycarbonate production. Primary uses for epoxy resin include various protective coatings applications in the construction, automotive and electronics industries and as a binder in a wide range of composite applications.”