



More Than Bhopal Brought Community and Industry Together in the 1980s

- **1980** – Texas Roundtable on Hazardous Waste
- **Early 1980s** – Keystone Siting Process. Community review of proposed hazardous waste facilities
- **1984** – Governor’s Task Force on Hazardous Waste develops legislation by consensus
- **December 1984** -- Bhopal disaster led to better emergency preparedness and community right-to-know about chemicals
- **1986** – Texas Risk Communication Project – consensus among 200 participants that plants need ongoing relationship with communities they could affect
- **1986-87** – Chemical Mfg. Assn. CAER. EHCMA organizes, starts CAER Line
- **1988** – CMA launches Responsible Care. Commits to listen and respond to public and improve plant performance. Recommends CACs.

Formation of DPCAC

December 1989 -- Industry Steering Group discusses purposes and budget, selects core group to help them form CAC (Joe Foster and Jack Coe of Rohm and Haas, Dave Scholes of Occidental Chemical, Joe Hodge of Lubrizol, and Ron Kingsbury and Peter Fischer of Shell)

January 30, 1990 – Community and plant reps organize the “Deer Park Ad Hoc Community Advisory Panel.” (Theresa Hartley, Mike Jackson, Buddy Bishop, Jimmy Burke, Larry Power, BJ Power).

February 1990 – Organizers develop goals, objectives, and membership criteria, select charter community members and name

March 2, 1990 – Industry Steering Group agrees to those decisions. 10 companies interested, four to send representatives initially

Mission

The Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) is a forum for an open and frank mutual exchange of ideas between industry and community. Comprised of representatives of the local community and industry, the group engages in frequent dialogue to develop a shared understanding of the interdependency of industry and community. The Deer Park CAC serves as a resource to industry and the community at large on topics such as health, occupational, environmental, and economic issues.

Purposes/Objectives

- Influences industry decision makers by sharing community questions, concerns, and suggestions about plant operations.
- Provides input to the communities from the plants about plant operations and issues of plant or community concern.
- Provides a mechanism for plants to “test” ideas/plans before they are implemented.
- Promotes understanding of and addresses identified community/industry issues that are important to the community.
- Serves as a means to “educate” the community about the plants and the plants about the community.
- Seeks to involve the entire community, including both youth and senior citizens and people of various backgrounds and opinions.

First Full Meeting of “Deer Park Community Advisory Council”

Monday, March 26, 1990
Shell Gatehouse Training Building

Attendees: Brian Barry, Buddy Bishop, Jimmy Burke, Lisa Busker, Jack Coe, Ken Donnell, Mike Dossey, Charles Dunn, Russell Elfstrom, Peter Fischer, Lynn Hale, Theresa Hartley, Joe Hodge, Norma Hysler, John C. Kennedy, Tillman McHenry, Barbara Mecom, Frankie Mefford, Margaret Moore, Larry Power, Dave Scholes, Kay Urban-Renkel, Chad Walker. Anita Johnson, Diane Sheridan. Members but unable to attend: Joe Foster, Mike Jackson, Ron Kingsbury, Don Metz, BJ Power

Charter community members still active in 2022: Ken Donnell, Norma Hysler

“If Shell blows, will the whole ship channel fall like dominoes?”

DEER PARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES

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TO: Deer Park Community Advisory Council (CAC)
FROM: Peter Fischer
DATE: March 28, 1990
SUBJECT: Meeting Notes of the 3/26/90 Deer Park CAC Meeting

ATTENDEES: Brian Barry Joe Hodge
 Buddy Bishop Norma Hysler
 Mayor Jimmy Burke John C. Kennedy
 Lisa Busker Tillman B. McHenry
 Jack Coe Barbara Mecom
 Ken Donnell Frankie Mefford
 T. M. Dossey Margaret Moore
 Rev. Charles Dunn Larry Power
 Russell Elfstrom David Scholes
 Peter Fischer Kay Urban-Renkel
 Lynn Hale Chad Walker
 Theresa Hartley

NOT ATTENDING: Joe Foster Dr. Don Metz
 Mike Jackson B. J. Power
 Ron Kingsbury

FACILITATOR: Diane Sheridan

MEETING NOTES: Anita Johnson

The next meeting is scheduled at Lubrizol on Monday, April 30, 1990, (5th Monday) at 6:00 p.m. (Rohm & Haas had a conflict arise, and is therefore unable to host the April 30 meeting.)

INTRODUCTIONS

T. M. (Mike) Dossey welcomed all participants to the Shell facility and introduced Diane Sheridan, a Public Policy Facilitator.

Diane Sheridan then asked each person present to introduce him or herself and state their respective positions in the Deer Park community.

Key Issues and Activities 1990-2022

- **July 1990** – 1st Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) report shows 10 million pounds of releases to air in 1989 from 9 plants. 2021 report shows 1.06 million pounds from 12 plants.
- **1992** -- air monitor set up to respond to concerns about what residents breathe. Four plants fund. HRM operated and reported annually for 20+ years, now periodically. Later became part of HRM network.
- **November 1995** – 1st of 9 CAC meetings/tours and 2 community events about risk management planning (RMP). Plants shared worst case and alternate scenarios, accident prevention, and emergency response capability with public

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- **1995** – 1st of 4 requests to Texas Cancer Registry/Health Department to learn which cancers were most common in Deer Park and whether rates higher than state as a whole (1995, 2000, 2004, 2008)
- **November 1997** – first of several meetings where students quizzed plant managers. Most recent in November 2018.
- **October 1999** – at joint meeting with La Porte CAC with CEOs of Lubrizol and Solvay, members asked for ozone alerts after unusually high ozone concentrations affected student athletes that day. Led industry to support TCEQ alerts. Started ozone reports given at each CAC meeting, in recent years by TCEQ.

Key Issues and Activities 1990-2022

February 2009 – workforce development becomes a more significant interest and remains so

January-February 2011 – first meetings on greenhouse gases (American Chemistry Council and Sierra Club). Next meetings on topic in early 2023 on carbon capture and storage.

December 2014 – Offered input to Galveston Bay Foundation for first Galveston Bay Report Card. GBF wants input again.

February 2021 – Launched series of 8 meetings about a UTMB study relating cancer rates to proximity to refineries. UTMB declined to speak, the only time a speaker has refused to do so unless when time/travel expense was not the issue.

Big Internal Changes

From the start– news articles sent to *Deer Park Broadcaster*

July 1990 – started Annual Report on Emissions with TRI

April 1991 – adopted written groundrules

January 2002 – Established CAC Budget, Treasury Committee, website, and routine meeting location (at Republic Grill)

January 2008 – started mostly Annual State of the Plants Report

April 2020-2022 – Coped with COVID with Zoom meetings.

Maintained agenda and activities but shortened the meeting 😊

December 2022 – Facilitator Diane Sheridan retires.

January 2023 – Anne Gowan becomes second CAC Facilitator

