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Cc: John Speer[jspeer@ringwoodnj.net]
From: John M. Speer
Sent: Fri 2/3/2017 8:00:35 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Ringwood CAG reorganization

Hi Pat,

I am interested in staying with the CAG, and am hopeful that the CAG can continue to provide a direct two-way avenue of communication between EPA and the community.

It sometimes appears to me that this effort is doomed, because some folks refuse to accept any answer that they do not want to hear, and will attempt to shout down or smear or otherwise attack anyone who tells them otherwise - and some may have goals that are not, shall I say, universally shared. Countering that (and outweighing that) is the necessity for the rest of the people to hear and speak directly to EPA. It's a tough spot you find yourself in, Mrs. Seppi, and I thank you for the effort.

Regards,

John

On 2/3/2017 2:25 PM, Seppi, Pat wrote:

> Hi Everyone,
>
> I wanted to reach out to you again about reorganizing the Ringwood CAG. I have heard back from some of you, but not all. We will soon have a technical advisor who will be able to review documents and share the information with you. Obviously, one of the best ways to share information is at a CAG meeting.
>
> If you haven't gotten back to me yet and are interested in remaining or joining the CAG, please let me know. If not, please let me know that also. I'll be in touch soon so we can move forward.
>
> Thanks
>
> Pat

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From: Seppi, Pat
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Subject: Ringwood CAG reorganization

Hello Remaining Ringwood CAG Members and Possible New Members,

EPA understands that the reorganization of the Ringwood CAG is very important and determined to be critical to many of you. I would like to work with you to accomplish the reorganization as quickly as possible. Based on the interviews that were done with our contractors, IEN (Judy and Frank) and your recommendations, there are a few considerations you want us to consider as we move forward.

1. The CAG should have a neutral facilitator

2. The CAG should be supported by a technical advisor

3. There should be discussions with the community about how participation is decided

4. CAG participants should include a mix of experienced and new CAG members with a representative of different groups who are impacted in different ways

5. CAG meetings should include presentations by those who have information to share such as NJDEP and Ford.

6. Provide timely notification of CAG meetings, including notices for those who don't have email

7. Meetings should be recorded and meeting summaries should be distributed

8. The decision-making process needs to be clearly defined at each opportunity, with an explanation of how CAG input will be utilized

The information above is based on a consensus from your conversations with our contractor but may not reflect other considerations. We can certainly discuss that as we move forward.

I'd like to set up either a meeting or call as soon as possible to discuss the reorganization. What I need before I do so, is to hear back from you to let me know if you're interested in staying on the CAG or if you're still interested in joining as a new member.

Please let me know your intention and if you are aware of any other people who might be interested, let me know and I'll reach out to them. It will be up to the sitting CAG to determine other members, not EPA, but at least I can do the initial outreach.

If anyone speaks to Vivian, please let her know about this email. I will mail it to her today but it will take a day or two to get there.

Thanks so much and I look forward to working with you.

Pat

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