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Newsletter

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

EPA Vasquez Blvd./ I-70 Superfund Site

Denver, Colorado

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Everyone is Invited!

Globeville Landing Outfall in OU2, VB/I-70 Superfund Site

September CAG Meeting

When: Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 5:30 PM - 7:30PM

Where: Focus Points Family Resource Center

2501 48th Ave. Denver 80216

See 8 items below.

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1. Lead Contamination in VB/I-70

Do the children who live in the VB/I-70 Superfund Site have dangerous levels of lead in their blood?
The levels above which children can be harmed by lead have changed drastically since EPA conducted their Health Risk Assessment in 2001, in the VB/I-70 Site.
Scientist have now determined that there is NO SAFE level of lead in a child's

body. Even minute amounts can harm a child.
Does EPA or CDPHE need to retest for levels of lead in children who live or go to school in the Site? See also, "Little things Matter."

Click on image to watch video.

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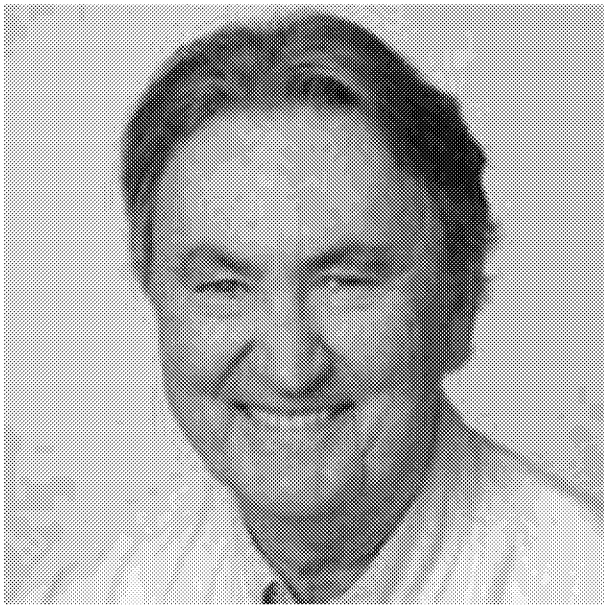
2. Meet members of the CAG Advisory Group

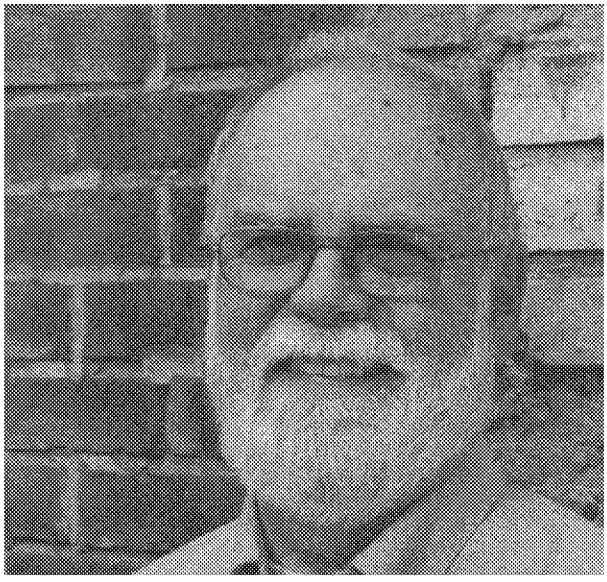
The VB/I 70 Community Advisory Group (CAG) is pleased to announce the addition of several members to the CAG Advisory Group. The CAGAG is reserved for people who are not members of the CAG but who possess skills, expertise or other knowledge that would be useful to CAG members. CAGAG members can be called on at any time by CAG members either as a group or as individuals. The CAG is eternally grateful to these men and women who donate their time and energy for the betterment of our community.



Click image for information on one of Dr. Burtons' publications.

Dr. Lloyd Burton

Dr. Burton holds undergraduate degrees in Government (Prescott College) and Conservation of Natural Resources (UC-Berkeley); an M.A. in Cultural Geography with a Regional Planning emphasis (San Francisco State University); and the Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the School of Law (Boalt Hall), University of California, Berkeley. (Read More)



Click on image to review Mr. Norris resume.

Chuck Norris

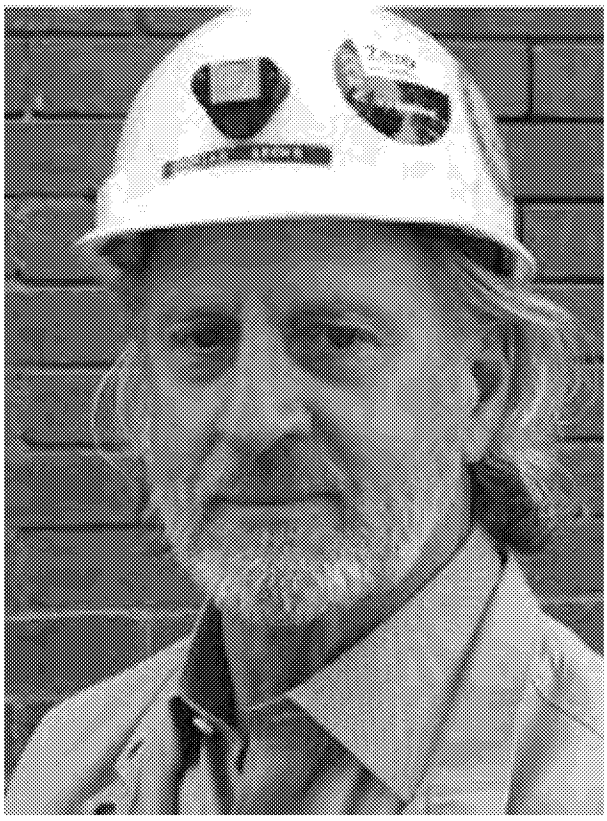
Mr. Norris, a geologist/hydrologist, has served with distinction, as a volunteer technical advisor to the CAG.

His seminal presentation to the CAG, "*Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Super Fund Site*

Operating Unit 1Review and Assessment" drew on the EPA's own documents that stated that the EPA never determined the source of the pollution in Operable Unit 1(OU1).

His presentation and ongoing research into the historical source of pollution in this area, has raised serious questions about the validity of the EPA's remediation of over 4500 residences in OU1.

His experience as a geologist/ hydrologist has also raised important questions about the construction and environmental impact of the Platte to Park Hill Drain, built by the City and County of Denver, especially at the Globeville Landing Outfall.



Click on image to review Mr. Brown's resume.

Adrian Brown

Adrain Brown, is a Civil Engineer who is a Registered Professional Engineer in at least 20 states and three countries. He served as President of the International Mine Water Association from 2008 -2014.

He has served as an excellent and devoted, volunteer technical advisor for the CAG. He presented his insights about the Globeville Landing Outfall, a part of the Platte to Park Hill drain, in a video. He has also advised the CAG on many occasions about various aspect of the construction at the Globeville Landing Outfall and other highly technical matters.

Click on image to see Joan Seeman in action.

Joan Seeman

Joan Seeman is referred to as the Mother of the VB/I-70 CAG.

In 2016, her inspiration, energy, intelligence and vast experience as a grass roots, environmental activist, inspired a small group of concerned citizens, to press the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 , the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the City and County of Denver to form and recognize the Vasquez Blvd./ I-70 Superfund Site Community Advisory Group (CAG).

Joan has served the CAG as a prolific and detail oriented volunteer researcher and advisor.She is a tireless advocate and inspiration for many other individuals and groups who also want to live healthy lives with clean air, water and soil.
When does she sleep?

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3. Meet a CAG Member

Click on image to watch video of her values.

Denver City Council Woman
Candi CeDebaca
District 9

Councilwoman CeDebaca is a fifth generation Denverite. She lives in a house once owned by her grandparents in Denver Council District 9. The Vasquez Bl/ I-70 Superfund Site sits squarely in her District. Councilwoman CeDebaca has always stood up for her community. Watch video of her in action.
The CAG is proud and grateful for her participation.

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4. CAG Requests of EPA, CDPHE & CCoD

CAG Administrator,Kim Morse, CAG Members, Sandra Ruiz and Fran Aguirre

Representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA), Region 8, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the City and County of Denver (CCoD)have been invited to attend our monthly, September, CAG meeting.

The EPA, Region 8, has promised to attend and to give an update on work in progress on the Site. The CAG's role is to collaborate with and to advise the EPA and others before work proceeds at the Site.

Towards that end, the CAG and their advisors requested at the June, 2019 meeting :

1. A list of all documents and reports that provided the data being compiled into the master database for OU2; and,

2. Copies of, or electronic access to, each of those documents prior to the release of whatever database, report or assessment on which the CCoD was working off of, well before the 30 day public comment period begins.

The CAG's mandated role is to advise the EPA before reports become

final. Our experts need adequate time to thoroughly evaluate the data and report to the CAG so that the CAG can formulate our recommendations to the EPA. We hope that the requested documents above will be forthcoming soon.

CAG members have many other questions and requests for EPA, CDPHE and the CCoD and we hope to make progress on that front at the September meeting.

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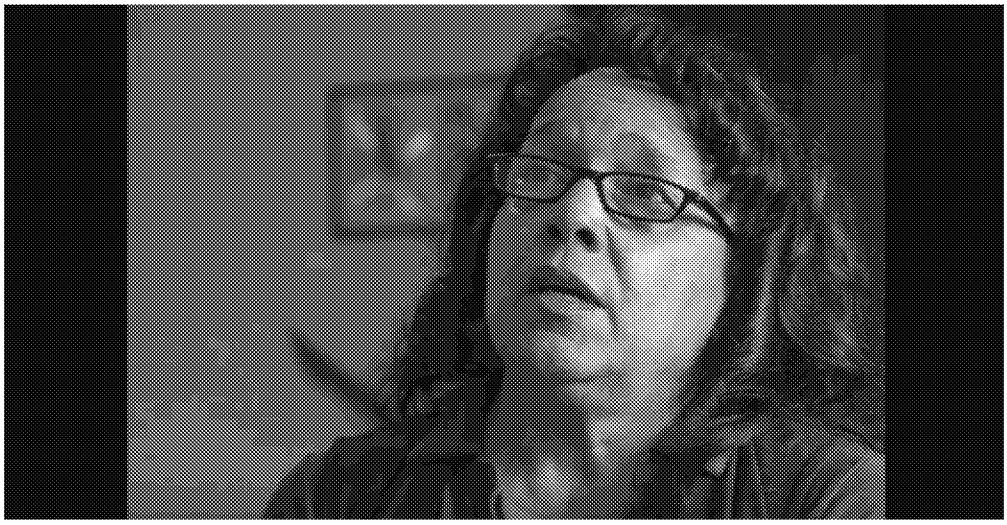
5. New CAG Member Nomination

Mary Hernandez



Click on image to view Ms. Hernandez video.

Ms. Hernandez grew up in the VB/I-70 Site. She ate the veggies that her family grew, ran barefoot and had a "hideout" under the viaduct. Her father excavated the basements of their homes. Now she and her family, including new generations, suffer health impacts. Some of them may be described in the scientific information provided by the Endocrine Society.

6. Useful Links

- Link to EPA Vasquez Bl./ i-70 Superfund Site
- Toxics Site
- EPA Lead Site Specific Consultation for Deletions
- Chuck Norris Presentation: 7/2018:

  Mr. Norris' assessment of EPA Remediation in OU1.

  Was remediation based on the wrong theory of source of pollution?
- Links to EPA Operable Unit 1 Documents and Data
- 2019 OU1 Deletion Partial Deletion Documents
- Expert Comments: Chuck Norris RE: Delisting of OU1
- EarthJustice comments to EPA RE: Delisting of OU1
- Bridget Walsh comments to EPA RE: Delisting of OU1
- Hazardous Materials Report CDOT 2008

7. MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VB/I-70 CAG

This Community Advisory Group (hereinafter, "CAG") is to provide a public forum for representatives of diverse community interests to present their needs and concerns regarding cleanup activities at the I-70/Vasquez Blvd (hereinafter, "I-70/VB") Superfund site in north Denver, Colorado. This CAG shall be a mechanism for all interested and affected parties in the community and environs to have a voice and actively participate in the Superfund process.This CAG will advocate for and advance implementation of optimum

environmental cleanup standards and monitoring, even in excess of required EPA standards. (Click here to see bylaws)

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8. Ms. Kim Morse

Ms. Morse is one of the original founders of the CAG.

She graciously serves as the volunteer, elected,CAG Administrator.

If you haven't met Kim before, please introduce yourself at one of our monthly meetings that are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Everyone is welcome at the CAG meetings and every opinion is respected.

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