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Subject: RE: THANKS FROM A VB/I-70 CAG MEMBER

Thanks Steve.

From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 1:53 PM
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Subject: RE: THANKS FROM A VB/I-70 CAG MEMBER

Bridget – Thank you for these kind words.

All of us on the site team strive to ensure that the Superfund response actions are protective for the community and consider your concerns.

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Subject: THANKS FROM A VB/I-70 CAG MEMBER

Dear Steve,
I was grateful for your participation in the recent, September Joint VB/I-70 CAG/ EPA meeting.

You obviously have a deep and thorough understanding of the CERCLA process. Your ability to communicate easily, with respect and on an intelligent level with CAG members and experts was unexpected and refreshing.

Some CAG members and experts have, for the past three years, devoted a considerable part of their lives to understanding the CERCLA (Superfund) process, the history of the VB/I-70 Site and the technical aspects of the operable units and the rest of the Site.

It could be said that this citizen inquiry has not always been met with enthusiasm, respect or a warm welcome. Some would say that is an understatement.

The Site has a long, complicated history with many players. Politics have played a large role and not always to the advantage of the community. However, the agencies' cold response has not deterred the CAG from fulfilling its Congressional mandate and its responsibility to the VB/I-70 community.

At the September CAG meeting, for the first time in three years, I felt that we were being heard and that a genuine, honest, discussion seemed to be taking place between the CAG, CAG experts, the EPA and other agencies in attendance. It was a very productive meeting.

I hope this marks a new beginning for relations between the VB/I-70 CAG and agencies.

You will always be welcome at our regular CAG meetings that are held on the third Tuesday of each month, times and locations to be announced. Please pan to attend. The next CAG meeting is October 15, 5:30 - 7:30, Focus Points, 2501 E. 48th Ave, 80216.

FYI: I have attached the 6 CAG Resolutions that were delivered to the EPA in the past 18 months and the Chuck Norris presentation. It was a surprise to hear at the September meeting, that the EPA had no record of these CAG Recommendations.

Warmest regards,
Bridget Walsh

Acting CAG Administrator

PS Thank you for the prompt answer to the often repeated CAG request for documents relating to OU2.