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Newsletter

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

EPA Vasquez Blvd./ I-70 Superfund Site

Denver, Colorado

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We at the Vasquez Bl. /I-70 Superfund Site (Site) Community Advisory Group (CAG) wish you all a happy, healthy New Year.

January CAG Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 5:30 - 7:30PM

WHERE: Focus Points Family Resource Center, 2501 48th Ave., 80216

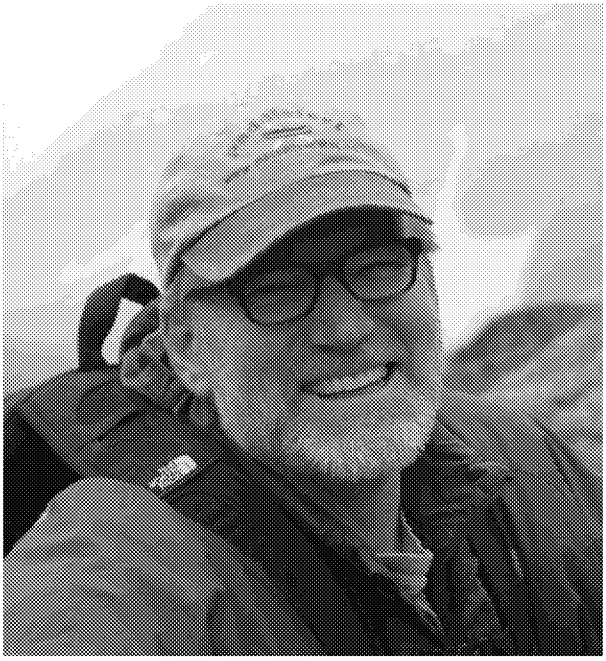
AGENDA ITEM: **Special presentation on OU2 by** Chuck Norris

CAG meetings are always open to the public.

The CAG Bylaws contain the Mission of the VB/I70 CAG:

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Bruce Lanphear MD MPH FAAP

Denver Has a Lead Problem/ How can we fix it?



The VB/I-70 CAG has joined with Colorado Advocates for Toxin Education (CATE) and other community organizations (see list below) to invite Dr. Bruce Lanphear, a clinician scientist at the Child & Family Research Institute,

BC Children's Hospital and Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, BC, to speak in Denver. Dr.Lanphear is a world recognized expert on the impact on humans of exposure to low levels of toxins like lead. Dr. Lanphear is the lead author of the American Academy of Pediatrics updated guidelines, "Prevention of Childhood Lead Toxicity".

FREE EVENT: Two opportunities **to hear Dr. Lanphear:**

Thurs., Jan. 16, 5-7 PM, 4809 Race St. 80216 Click here to sign up.

Sat., Jan 18, 1-3 PM, 190 W. 6th Ave. 80204. Click here to sign up.

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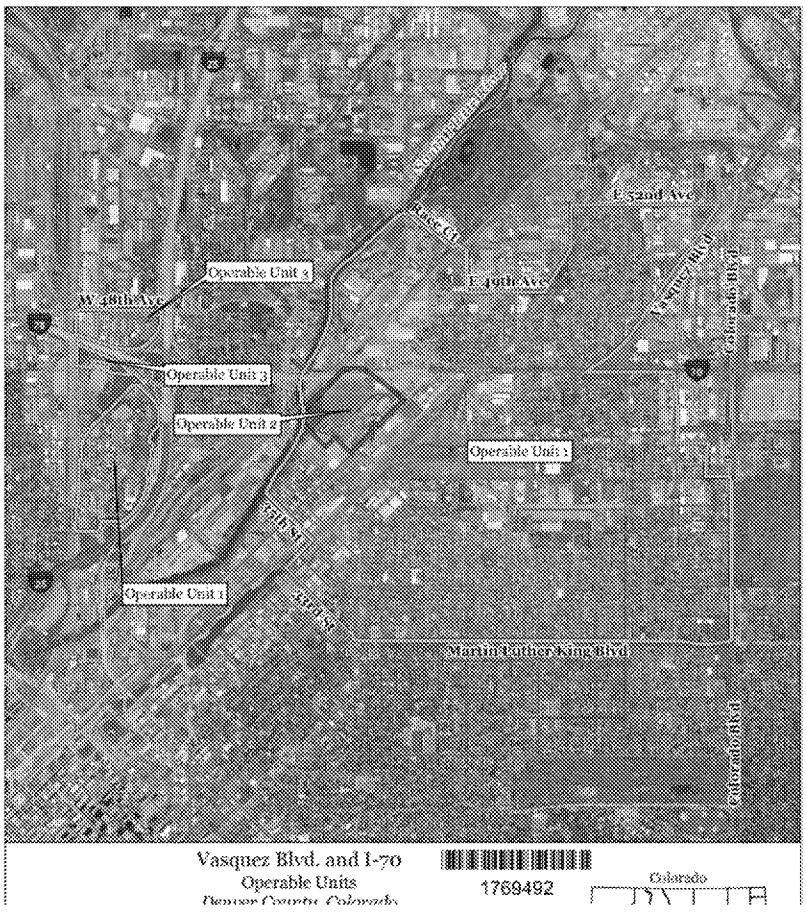
We are pleased to present a summary of some of the CAG's work and our plans for 2020.



CAG ROLE IN THE SUPERFUND SITE

The Vasquez Bl. / I-70 Superfund Site (Site) Community Advisory Group (CAG) continues its important, congressionally mandated role of monitoring and advising the EPA on work that takes place in the Site. We also act as a conduit for information to the community about EPA work at the Site and give community input to the EPA. The 4.5 sq. mi. area has been designated as an Environmental Justice Site due to the number of low income, minority people who live within its boundaries.

CAG PROGRESS

We have developed and delivered recommendations to the EPA. We discussed with EPA, CDPHE and Denver, the implications of a presentation made to the EPA by CAG expert, Chuck Norris, that pointed out, among other things, the fact that the EPA never established the origin of the pollution in Operable Unit 1 (OU!) (most residences in the Site) and questioned if the EPA's chosen remedy to clean up the pollution in the neighborhoods was sufficient to protect of human health.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PLAN

CAG members, experts and the environmental law firm, EarthJustice, submitted comments that challenged the EPA's delisting of Operable Unit 1(OU1), in the face of our and community concerns about the reliability of the EPA remedy to protect human health at the Site. In keeping with President Trump's plan to delist as many Sites as possible, OU1 was delisted.

THE 2020 PLANS

In 2020, we will continue to monitor and investigate ongoing work in Operable Unit 2 (OU2), and investigate the effectiveness of the EPA's chosen remedy for OU1. We have, and will continue to share, our concerns about the construction and safety of the Globeville Landing Outfall, with agencies, their contractors and the community. We will also continue to press agencies for a thorough investigation of our concern that Denver's construction in OU2 may have caused the dumping of leachate from the Superfund Site directly into the South Platte River, in violation of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The CAG has joined with many of its community partners to bring lead poisoning expert, Dr. Bruce Lanphear, to Denver, to tell us about the devastating impacts of exposure to low levels of toxins like lead, especially on children. Lead and many other toxins are found in the soil in the Site.

REQUESTS FOR AGENCY COOPERATION

We have, on several occasions, requested, that EPA, CDPHE and Denver include our highly qualified experts in their ongoing Site planning meetings, so that the CAG can fulfill its congressional mandate to collaborate with agencies before work is begun in the Site and as it takes place. So far, the agencies have declined that request. Access to needed documents has also been a challenge for the CAG. We will continue to seek access to the process and to documents.

Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement.

Your Community Advisory Group is on the job.

We would like to hear from you. Email

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