

FINAL VERSION

RI Mercury Reduction Commission

9/24/2004

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

RI DEM Conference Room A in Providence RI

Type of meeting:

Meeting #6

Note: All attendees to prepare draft white papers and distribute to commission members BEFORE the October 29th meeting so members have time to review.

Attendees:

Commission Members Present: Marcella Thompson (Chair), Sheila Dormody, Robert Vanderslice (for Patricia Nolan), Howard Rosenberg

Guests: Joan Miles (NEMA)

----- Agenda Topics -----

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Discussion:

There were only four commission members attending this work group meeting. As a result, there was general discussion and feedback on individual sections. Howard Rosenberg discussed NY Academy of Sciences' report on mercury prevention/management strategies. Bob Vanderslice discussed his progress. Ultimately, the discussion resulted in a more detailed outline of the final report. This outline is included below.

Conclusions:

1. Very Good Reference!
DeCerreño, Allison, et. al. Pollution Prevention and Management Strategies for Mercury in the NY/NJ Harbor. NY: New York Academy of Sciences. May 14, 2002.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

1. Obtain additional copies of report named above for commission members.

Howard Rosenberg

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Detailed Outline of Final Report

1. Summary of Commission's Purpose and Activity
 2. Health and Environmental Aspects of Mercury: inorganic / organic forms, rate of conversion, environmental persistence, deposition rates, toxicity (neurologic, teratogenic), dose response relationship (occupational), relative risk assessment
 3. Observational Measurements: air emissions, bay and surface water, drinking water, soil, biologic: fish, agriculture, and human
 4. Identify Sources of Mercury: natural vs. man-made, global, regional, state, communities (if available) as percent to whole
 5. The Public Users of Mercury: Municipalities, Commercial Businesses, Ethnic-Cultural Groups, Individual Consumer
 6. RI Industries and Technologies by Sector and Quantity/Percentage Contribute to Whole: Mercury Used in Industrial Process, Mercury-Added Products including automobiles and electronic equipment, and Mercury-Added Products Used in Industrial Process
 - 7A. Strategies for Control: Approach (Elimination, Substitution, Engineering, Collection & Recycling), Timing, Progress and/or Demonstrated Successful Outcome(s), and Associated Costs
 - 7B. Administrative Strategies for Control continued: Educational Efforts including current activities by state and municipal departments and public/consumer advocate groups, and Legal Efforts (Global, Federal, Regional, State): current law provisions and current regulatory efforts and activities including enforcement efforts and efficacy
 8. Conclusions and Recommendations includes those reached by consensus and discussion of issues where no consensus has been reached
- References

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Discussion: Focus will be on outline and information for the Final Commission Report to Governor. Chair Thompson indicated the Commission will meet on October 29th.

Conclusions:

Commission will begin reviewing draft of final report on October 29th.

Action items:

1. Complete and post Agenda for October 15 and 29, 2004

Person responsible:

M. Thompson and E. Stone

Deadline:

13Oct04

Adjournment

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 pm.

Recorded by Marcella R. Thompson, Chair
END