

**Draft Meeting Summary**  
**Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group**  
**March 10, 2015**

**(Please send comments or clarifications to Kristi Celico ([kcelico@gmail.com](mailto:kcelico@gmail.com)) by no later than May 10, 2015**

On March 10, the Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group (CAG) met at the Steelworkers Center of the West. The key topics covered during the meeting included:

- Technical resources available for Superfund communities;
- Remedial Investigation/Sampling Process;
- Updates; and
- Next meeting topics.

This summary is not a detailed transcript of the meeting, but rather includes highlights of the discussions and decisions that occurred. It is a summary of the facilitator's notes and is not intended to state formal EPA policy.

Attachments to this summary include:

	CAG Agenda for March 10 Meeting
Attachment A	<a href="#">EPA Presentation on TANA, TASC, and TAGS</a>
Attachment B	A Introduction to Remedial Investigation (RI), <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/y314k52qo9nm4wh/CAG%20Presentation%20Fran.pdf?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/y314k52qo9nm4wh/CAG%20Presentation%20Fran.pdf?dl=0</a>
Attachment C	Not distributed
Attachment D	Facilitator's Tracking Document as of March 25, 2015
Attachment E	Attendance list for March 10 CAG meeting

### **TECHNICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SUPERFUND COMMUNITIES**

Jasmin Guerra, an EPA Community Involvement Coordinator and Region 8's TAG/TASC Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding technical resources available to Superfund communities. Click here to view the presentation: [EPA Presentation on TANA, TASC, and TAGS](#). Jasmin discussed how a Technical Assistance Needs Assessment (TANA) is typically the first step that EPA conducts at a Superfund Site to see whether and what type of technical support a community might need. The CAG agreed to invite Skeo Solutions--an EPA contractor that conducts TANAs--to the next CAG meeting to answer questions about the TANA process and begin the evaluation.

If a community needs technical support, EPA can provide this support through two mechanisms: a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) or through Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC). Jasmin's presentation provides details about both of these approaches. In response to questions, Jasmin reported that the standard funding for a TAG is \$25,000. This amount can be extended up to \$50,000 with a waiver. Only one TAG can be granted per Superfund site. With a TAG, a community can select its own technical advisor by adhering to the TAG and government process to do so. More information on TAGs can be found at [www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/resource.htm](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/resource.htm). A TASC is different in that the community is provided a contractor selected by EPA. Skeo Solutions serves as this contractor and

their website can be found here: <http://www.skeo.com/>. If Skeo does not have the specific skills that are needed, they can hire subcontractors to assist.

## **REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/SAMPLING PROCESS**

Fran Costanzi, EPA's Superfund Training Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding the Remedial Investigation/Sampling Process. Her presentation can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/y3l4k52qo9nm4wh/CAG%20Presentation%20Fran.pdf?dl=0>.

The EPA team stated that they plan to begin sampling by late Spring/early Summer. CAG participants asked if property would still need to be tested even if EPA has tested it before or it has been done privately. EPA responded that new tests would need to be conducted so that all sampling results are comparable.

A CAG participant asked when property owners without structures on their property would receive letters from EPA asking to sample their property. The EPA team responded that generally they prioritize sampling on property where people live first, but agreed to reconsider this issue and report back to the CAG at the next meeting.

## **UPDATES**

EPA noted that the City of Pueblo had agreed to let EPA sample city property, such as parks and alleys.

The group moved the discussion of blood lead levels to the next meeting.

A list of next steps is attached as Attachment D.

## **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Discussion with Skeo Solutions about the TANA;
- Colorado Smelter Path—from Santa Fe Bridge Culvert to Redevelopment. What are the Superfund phases and how are they funded.
- Update on sampling timeline;
- Update on whether EPA will send letter for consent to sample to property owners without structures on their land.

# AGENDA



## **Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Colorado Smelter**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Steelworks Museum

215 Canal Street, Pueblo

- 4:15 p.m. Tour of Museum**  
*Tim Hawkins, Executive Director of the Steelworks Museum*
- 5:10 p.m. Taco Time**  
For those who placed advance orders
- 5:30 p.m. Introductions, Agenda Review, and Logistics**  
*Kristi Parker Celico, Rocky Mountain Collaborative Solutions*
- 5:35 p.m. CAG Business**  
Membership Update
- 5:40 p.m. Technical Resources available for the community**
- *Jasmin Guerra, Community Involvement Coordinator/EPA Region 8 TAG/TASC Coordinator (Attachment A)*
- 6:00p.m. Sampling Process and Discussion (Attachment B)**  
*Fran Costanzi, Superfund Training Coordinator, EPA*
- 6:40p.m. Updates**
- Discussion of blood lead level health data for Pueblo, Joe Kocman, Eilers Neighborhood HOA and Aaron Martinez, City Health Department (Attachment C)—Topic postponed to next meeting
  - Review of Action Items (Attachment D)
- 6:50 p.m. Topics for April 14 CAG Meeting**
- Colorado Smelter Path—from Santa Fe Bridge Culver to Redevelopment. What are the Superfund phases and how are they funded?
  - Update on Sampling timeline
  - Report back from Workgroups

**7:00 p.m.**

**Break to Public Involvement and Economic Development  
Workgroups.**

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**Facilitator's Tracking Document**  
**(As of April 1, 2015)**

Date of Input	CAG Input/Decision	Government Response	Task Completed
9-9-14	Some CAG members request that EPA drop dust sampling from the consent form for now. Others request that EPA create two separate consents, one for dust sampling and one for soil sampling.	EPA altered the consent form such that there are two separate consents, one for dust sampling and one for soil sampling.	October, 2014
10-14-14	Facilitator should reach out to Latino Chamber of Commerce to see about CAG speaking to group for education purposes and to inquire about Latino community members joining the CAG	Kristi and EPA reached out to Sandy Gutierrez of the Chamber. Ms. Gutierrez will identify a time for a Chamber Colorado Smelter presentation. EPA met with Ms. Gutierrez during the week of 2/2. During February, EPA had meetings with Catholic Charities, NeighborWorks of Pueblo, and the Latino Chamber of Commerce.	February 2015
10-14-14	Request by Mr. Perko to see PWT contract.	Mr. Perko and EPA attorney discussed the issue. Mr. Perko learned that it was possible to request the contract through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. However, Mr. Perko did not make a formal request for production as he independently obtained adequate information about EPA insurance and liability policy to form an opinion as to whether or not landowners should sign the consent form.	Completed 11/14
11-18-14	Facilitator work to add Police officer to	Officer Roman Castro attended the January CAG meeting and	Completed 1/15

	CAG as an ex-officio member.	will serve as an exoffico member.	
11-18-14	Pam Kocman and Terry Hart will speak to the City Council about City engagement in the CAG	John Cordova Sr. attended the January CAG meeting and will serve as a CAG member.	Completed 1/15
11-18-14	Terry Hart and Charlotte Plutt will reach out to Bessemer residents and School District 60 to encourage their engagement in the CAG.	Terry Hart has made some reached out to both and will provide an update at the February meeting.	Ongoing
11-18-14	Workgroups: The CAG requested 4 workgroups be set up to support their effort: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic impact;</li> <li>• Public involvement;</li> <li>• Health; and</li> <li>• Sampling.</li> </ul>	Due to limited staff time and resources, EPA cannot support four ongoing workgroups at this time. Instead, EPA encourages the community to proceed with workgroups on their own and EPA will support as able. At this time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health, Sampling, and Public Involvement issues will be addressed in the full group;</li> <li>• Charlie will continue to meet with a small sampling group to provide input on the Sampling Plan.</li> <li>• The community will lead the economic impact group with support from EPA's Redevelopment office, as needed.</li> <li>• Small groups may be formed to discuss some public involvement efforts.</li> <li>• Will have public involvement and economic development workgroup at 3/10 meting.</li> </ul>	Completed 3/15
1-13-15	EPA or Facilitator will contact NeighborWorks and discuss CAG with new leadership.	EPA met with NeighborWorks during the week of 2/2.  Meeting with EPA occurred.	Completed 2/15

1-13-15	David Webb asked that EPA provide a list of addresses that received the EPA letter asking for consent to sample. Mr. Webb stated that this information would be very valuable to real estate agents in the area so that they can inform potential buyers of the Superfund status.	EPA will only be providing the map of the area where residents received letters. The Agency is not comfortable sharing personally identifiable information of home addresses and feels as though the map should provide the needed information.  <u>Mr. Webb submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for this information.</u>  <u>On February 17, 2015, EPA responded to this request. The EPA response stated: this information is exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (personal privacy). As a general policy, EPA doesn't provide the addresses of private citizens to others. EPA provided the CAG a map that delineates the study area for the initial phase of the remedial investigation.</u>	Completed 2/1/15
2-5-15	David Webb asked EPA to provide additional information regarding what information EPA will file with the County when properties are sampled and after cleanup.	EPA provide some information on this at the 2/10/15 meeting but generally stated that these decisions will be made after more information about the contamination has been gathered.	<b>Ongoing.</b>
3-10-15	<u>Harric Vander Valk requested EPA send letters of consent for sampling to property owners who do not have structures on the land.</u>	<u>EPA will consider this request and report back at the next meeting.</u>	
<u>3-10-15</u>	<u>CAG requests Skeo</u>	<u>EPA is scheduling Skeo to</u>	

	<u>Solutions to come discuss conducting a TANA in the community</u>	<u>attend the April CAG meeting.</u>	
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**ATTACHMENT E**  
**Attendance at the March 10, 2015 CAG Meeting**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>10-Mar-15</b>
Bob	Blazich	
Kristi	Celico	
Merril	Coomes	x
Fran	Costanzi	x
Sandy	Daff	
David	Dorian	
Sabrina	Forrest	x
Karen	Fortner	
Raj	Goyal	
Jasmin	Guerra	x
Terry	Hart	
Kiera	Hatton	
Tim	Hawkins	
Joe and Pam	Kocman	x
Aaron	Martinez	x
Jeannine	Natterman	x
Beritt	Odom	x
Maureen	O'Reilly	
Charlie	Partridge	x
Charlotte	Plutt	x
Alissa	Schultz	x
Steve	Singer	
Alicia	Solis	x
Nadine	Triste	
Harric	Vander Valk	x
Ross	Vincent	
Christopher	Wardell	x
David	Webb	x
Michael	Wenstrom	
Steve	Wharton	
Ken	Williams	
Julianne and James	Williamson	
Robin	Witt	
Chad	Wolgram	x

Members of the public who signed in:

- Kelly Gehlhoff
- Charles Carasus
- Lara Cartagena
- Don Mangin