

**Draft Meeting Summary  
Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group  
July 14, 2015**

On July 14, 2015, the Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group (CAG) met at the Steelworkers Center of the West. The key topics covered during the meeting included:

- Updates by the Superfund Vitalization Project and the Public Involvement workgroup;
- Discussion regarding scheduling of the EPA Redevelopment Program visioning process;
- EPA update on sampling activity and a short discussion on holding a Sampling Demonstration day;
- Updates on employing a Technical Assistance Service for Communities (TASC) contract to provide technical support for the CAG and community; and
- Determining 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. Below please find a list of key documents attached to this summary and links discussed during the meeting.

Attachment A	CAG Agenda for July 14, 2015 meeting (attached here)
Attachment B	Attendance List for July 14, 2015 meeting (attached here)
Links	<p>Link to demographic information regarding the general study area for current sampling: <a href="#">Demographics for General Colorado Smelter Study Area</a>. This data is from the EPA EJ screen tool.</p> <p>Other links for understanding the demographics of the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Census website, <a href="http://www.census.gov/en.html">http://www.census.gov/en.html</a></li> <li>• EPA also has a tool called EJSCREEN. You can enter in addresses or census blocks to find out demographic and environmental data of those areas</li> <li>• <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/ejscreen">http://www2.epa.gov/ejscreen</a></li> <li>• The City of Pueblo has some useful maps on demographic data, those maps can be found at <a href="http://www.pueblo.us/305/Demographics">http://www.pueblo.us/305/Demographics</a></li> </ul>
Link	July 2015 Vitalization Workgroup Notes: - <a href="#">July Work Group Notes</a>
Attachment	Facilitator's Tracking Document as of June 12, 2015
Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top Ten Questions to Ask When Buying a Superfund Site <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/report-top-10-questions-ask-when-buying-superfund-site">http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/report-top-10-questions-ask-when-buying-superfund-site</a></li> <li>• Key information to know about gardening near the Colorado Smelter site: <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/region8/colorado-smelter-gardening-and-homegrown-vegetables">http://www2.epa.gov/region8/colorado-smelter-gardening-and-homegrown-vegetables</a></li> </ul>

## WORKGROUP REPORTS

### Public Involvement Workgroup

Nadine Triste reported on the June 13 Community Day aimed at informing the public about Colorado Smelter activities and methods of protection from lead and arsenic hazards. Although the event had limited attendance, Nadine noted it was a day of real community and a good start. And indeed, at the July CAG meeting a larger number of individuals from the community attended than ever before. The CAG thanked Nadine and Kelly Gehlhoff for their efforts and commitment. Those wishing to participate in next steps regarding this workgroup should contact Nadine or Kelly. Please send an email to the facilitator ([kcelico@gmail.com](mailto:kcelico@gmail.com)) for their phone numbers or email addresses.

### Community Vitalization Workgroup

Joe Kocman reported that 25 diverse community members joined their recent meeting to discuss the ideas and priorities that the group had identified at earlier meetings. Joe's written summary can be found here: [- July Work Group Notes](#). The Workgroup requested EPA's help in understanding the demographics of the area better to ground their efforts.

After the meeting, EPA provided the following resources:

- Link to demographic information regarding the general study area for current sampling: [Demographics for General Colorado Smelter Study Area](#). This data is from the EPA EJ screen tool.
- The Census website, <http://www.census.gov/en.html>
- EPA also has a tool called EJSCREEN. You can enter in addresses or census blocks to find out demographic and environmental data of those areas
- <http://www2.epa.gov/ejscreen>
- The City of Pueblo has some useful maps on demographic data, those maps can be found at <http://www.pueblo.us/305/Demographics>

Chris Wardell of EPA offered his and Michael Wenstrom's assistance, if desired, in helping the Workgroup use these tools.

The Workgroup further discussed the need for funding their efforts and the unlikelihood that Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide much assistance. The Workgroup requested one of its members, Sean McCarthy, to draft up a Funding Plan for the larger workgroup to consider. This plan has been developed and shared with the Workgroup in preparation for its next meeting. The Workgroup also noted the need for an Action Plan based somewhat on the North Birmingham EPA Revitalization effort and Robin Cope has developed a document for discussion at the next Workgroup.

Finally, the CAG discussed the timing of the EPA visioning process currently anticipated to start in January and the rapid speed at which this Vitalization Workgroup is proceeding. They requested that EPA accelerate its process such that it begins in October so that the Agency's effort doesn't fall behind the Workgroup effort. EPA responded that it is important to ensure that the full diversity of other government entities and public are engaged first to ensure full buy-in. EPA does not anticipate this to be completed by October. However, a similar visioning charrette will occur this fall in the Canon City area. EPA will invite two Colorado Smelter participants to attend this process to observe the charrette, which

will help plan for the Colorado Smelter visioning charrette in the future. Fran Costanzi, the EPA Superfund Redevelopment Coordinator, might attend the next Vitalization Workgroup meeting to continue the discussion of how best to ensure the efforts of the Workgroup and the timing of EPA's visioning process fit together.

Next meeting of the Vitalization Workgroup will occur at Eiler's Bar on August 5 from 2:00 to 3:30.

## **EPA UPDATE ON SOIL SAMPLING**

Sabrina Forrest, the EPA Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Colorado Smelter site, reported that EPA had finished its pilot project for soil sampling and anticipates the general results will be available at the August CAG meeting. This pilot project tested 12 properties and employed a unique approach that should accelerate EPA's ability to get the data from the soil samples back to homeowners quickly. Lessons learned during this pilot will now be used to finalize the full sampling plan. EPA anticipates sharing a draft copy of the sampling plan with a CAG workgroup, the City of Pueblo, and the State of Colorado in late July or early August. The CAG workgroup will also discuss what information will be shared with the public from the sampling process.

Once the sampling plan is finalized, EPA will likely begin sampling properties late summer/ early fall. Sampling can probably occur during the fall and winter months unless property is too muddy such that damage could result to landscaping. Properties tested during the pilot effort will not need to be retested. EPA's contractor has already begun calling some community members who provided consent to have their properties tested. Residential properties will be sampled first based on a rough priority system including:

- The owner has given consent to have sampling. Houses with consent for outdoor sampling only will likely be considered first so that homeowners who gave consent to sample indoors and outdoors will only be disturbed once.
- The type and age of the house. EPA is working to ensure a diversity of houses are sampled early on to help understand how different properties are affected;
- Whether the house is upwind or downwind from the Colorado Smelter site; and
- Ability to group houses together so that sampling in one area can be quickly accomplished.

To determine the general extent of contamination in the area needed to develop a cleanup plan, it is likely that not all homes will need to be sampled, even if the homeowner gave consent.

Once a sufficient amount of sampling data is collected, EPA will be able determine the Colorado Smelter Superfund site boundary, hopefully in spring/summer 2016. As a reminder, no Superfund site boundary has been set yet. All that exists is an initial study area, one half mile in radius from the slag pile, where EPA decided to start its sampling effort. Once sampling is complete, EPA will use the data to develop a cleanup plan. Cleanup levels will be risk based using site-specific data. Remedial Investigation (RI) and removal action activities are taking place concurrently on the community properties and former smelter area operable units. The removal action activities include placing warning signs and some fencing on the slag pile to limit access to the area. Air monitoring will be included this year to see if contaminants are moving from the slag piles and into the adjacent neighborhoods. Long-term air monitoring will also be done when soils are disturbed during sampling and cleanup.

The CAG briefly discussed the idea of doing a sampling demonstration in the community as an educational event. The CAG broadly supported this.

A community member asked why EPA is not including any of the Evraz (historic CF&I) properties in its Colorado Smelter efforts. Both the EPA and State responded that the Superfund law pertains to abandoned hazardous waste sites. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) covers properties still active. In this case, the Colorado Department for Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) is focused on RCRA activities at CF&I. It is also important to note that historic smelter and historic/current Evraz activities are very different process – thus different byproducts (contaminants) of those activities. As Colorado Smelter data begins to be generated this will be able to be addressed more thoroughly.

A community member asked where the Water Department will be testing water. Pueblo City County Health Department will work with Board of Waterworks to test drinking water in homes.

Another community member asked who is responsible for paying for cleaning up of lead if it is discovered inside the house, such as from lead paint or lead pipes. Alissa Schulz of CDPHE responded that the homeowner would be responsible for any desired cleanup, but there is no law requiring cleanup. There is a law that requires notification to renters or potential buyers if the landlord/seller is aware of lead within a house. EPA noted that there is a HUD Healthy Homes Program that provides money for cleaning up lead within homes. Pueblo applied last year for this program and was not awarded it, in part due to a lack of data about indoor lead in the Colorado Smelter area. Agreeing to have houses tested in the area would provide better data and might result in a more successful application to the HUD Healthy Homes Program.

Another community member discussed her recent trip to the City/County of Pueblo Health Department to learn about the Colorado Smelter cleanup and seek information for protecting herself. She reported that the Health Department was not prepared for public questions. The Health Department responded that they do have a large amount of information and will ensure that their administrative staff at the front desk are aware of where the information is so that it can be easily provided.

### **Technical Assistance Service for Communities (TASC)**

The TASC is a mechanism for providing technical support to the CAG and larger community about the Superfund site. This program can assist in such activities as interpreting documents and data, develop fact sheets, provided facilitation training and/or conduct workshops. Jasmin Guerra of EPA reported that EPA has a draft of a project plan and anticipates sharing it with the CAG within the next month or so for comment.

A CAG participant and local realtor asked if the TASC could be used to inform mortgage bankers about the Superfund site and property values. The group discussed if it might be possible to convene a workgroup of real estate professionals in the area. Another realtor noted that this is not a local problem but rather a more national problem since investors don't want to buy loans. EPA noted that it is having discussions with HUD on these types of issues. Local political leaders discussed the potential for asking HUD and EPA to come and work jointly with the community.

### **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

CAG members discussed the following topics for the next meeting, scheduled for August 11.

- Sharing of sampling results from the pilot project and discussion of next steps for sampling;

- Report back from Workgroups;
- Follow-up on Redevelopment discussion, re timing of visioning process;
- Discussion of Health Department education plan for Pueblo, with reference to the health program that was used in Leadville.

**Potential Documents of Interest:**

- Top Ten Questions to Ask When Buying a Superfund  
Site <http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/report-top-10-questions-ask-when-buying-superfund-site>
- Key information to know about gardening near the Colorado Smelter site:  
<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/colorado-smelter-gardening-and-homegrown-vegetables>

Chris Wardell of EPA offered to provide printed copies of the above documents if someone wants them. He can be reached at 303-312-6062.

# AGENDA

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**Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Colorado Smelter**  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Steelworks Museum  
215 Canal Street, Pueblo

- 5:30 p.m. Introductions, Agenda Review, and Logistics**  
*Kristi Parker Celico, Rocky Mountain Collaborative Solutions*
- 5:35 p.m. Public Involvement Workgroup Report**  
*Nadine Triste, Community member*
- Report on the June 13 Public Event
  - Discussion of next steps and needs from the CAG
- 5:45 p.m. Community Vitalization Workgroup Report**  
*Joe Kocman, Eilers Homeowners' Association*
- Report from Workgroup and discussion of next steps
- 5:55 p.m. Sampling**  
*Sabrina Forest, EPA*
- Update on Demonstration of Method Applicability (DMA), basically, the pilot sampling effort.
  - Update and approach for finalizing the Sampling Plan;
  - Plans for community sampling and how/when results will be released.
  - Discussion of whether EPA and the CAG should host a Sampling Demonstration and if so when/how.
- 6:15 p.m. Updates**
- Coordination of the Superfund Redevelopment Program, the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, and the Community Revitalization Workgroup.  
*Chris Wardell, EPA*
    - Vision Process
    - Examples of additional urban redevelopment
  - Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) Update.  
*Jasmin Guerra, EPA*

**6:25 p.m.**

**CAG Logistics**

- Additional Evaluation comments?
- Agenda Topics for next several months (See Attachment A)
- CAG membership
- Review of Facilitator's Tracking Document (Attachment B)

**7:10 p.m.**

**Topics for August 11 CAG Meeting**

- Sampling updates
- Report backs from Workgroups
- Description of Kids First/Lake County Community Health Program (Leadville) compared to proposed activities by the Pueblo City/County Health Department

**7:15 p.m.**

**Public Comment**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

**ATTACHMENT B  
CAG ATTENDANCE AT JULY 14, 2015 MEETING**

Name	14-Jul-15
Baca, Andrew	
Blazich, Bob	X
Boguski, Terrie	
Castro, Roman	
Celico, Kristi	X
Coomes, Merril	X
Cordova, John	X
Costanzi, Fran	X
Dorian, David	
Faulk, Libby	
Forrest, Sabrina	X
Fortner, Karen	
Gehlhoff, Kelly	
Goyal, Raj	
Guerra, Jasmin	X
Hart, Terry	X
Hatton, Kiera	
Hawkins, Tim	X
Johnson, Tori	
Kocman, Joe and Pam	X
Martinez, Aaron	X
Natterman, Jeannine	X
O'Reilly, Maureen	
Partridge, Charlie	
Plutt, Charlotte	
Russell-Hedstrom, Krissy	
Schultz, Alissa	X
Singer, Steve	
Solis, Alicia	X
Triste, Nadine	X
Vander Valk, Harric	
Vincent, Ross	
Wardell, Christopher	X
Webb, David	X
Wenstrom, Michael	
Wharton, Steve	
Williams, Ken	
Williamson, Julianne and James	
Witt, Robin	
Wolgram, Chad	

**GUESTS WHO SIGNED IN: Lucille Abeyta, Demetri Bartone, Joe Boitz, Lisa Galbraith, Cathy Garcia, Thomas Herber, Andy Holman, Rick Romero**

Attachment C

**Facilitator's Tracking Document**  
**Outstanding items are shaded in GRAY**  
**New Items are in Redline.**  
**As of July 27, 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	Completed 11/14

		form an opinion as to whether or not landowners should sign the consent form.	
11-18-14	Facilitator work to add Police officer to CAG as an ex-officio member.	Officer Roman Castro attended the January CAG meeting and will serve as an exofficio member.	Completed 1/15
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</li> </ul>	Completed 3/15

		<p>Redevelopment office, as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 meeting.</li> </ul>	
1-13-15	EPA or Facilitator will contact NeighborWorks and discuss CAG with new leadership.	<p>EPA met with NeighborWorks during the week of 2/2.</p> <p>Meeting with EPA occurred.</p>	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.	<p>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.</p> <p>Mr. Webb submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for this information.</p> <p>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</p>	Completed 2/17/15

		that delineates the study area for the initial phase of the remedial investigation.	
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.	Ongoing.
3-10-15	Harric Vander Valk requested EPA send letters of consent for sampling to property owners who do not have structures on the land.	EPA will consider this request and report back at the next meeting.	In early April, EPA sent out approximately 200 letters to vacant property owners as suggested.
3-10-15	CAG requests Skeo Solutions to come discuss conducting a TANA in the community	Skeo Solutions attended the April 2015 CAG meeting.	Complete 4/14/15
4-14-15	Economic Workgroup and EPA seek solutions for potential lender liability issues and report back at May 2015 CAG meeting.	EPA is working on this issue with EPA headquarters and also in discussions with other appropriate federal agencies. EPA will update the group as new information becomes available.	Ongoing.
4-14-15	CAG provide input to EPA regarding postcard to public by April 16.	EPA incorporated CAG input and sent out postcard.	Complete on April 16
4-14-15	EPA will send out Community Involvement Plan to CAG and other members of the public for review and	EPA sent out the CIP document to CAG and community members	Complete on 4-17-15

	comment.		
6-14-15	CAG would like additional urban examples of EPA's Revitalization Program.	<u>EPA will continue to look for additional examples.</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>
<u>6-14-15</u>	CAG requests that EPA consider moving up the visioning work so that it doesn't get out of synch with the Superfund Community Vitalization Project work.	<u>Fran Costanzi might attend the August Vitalization meeting and discuss ways to coordinate activities. Also, EPA will invite 2 CAG members to attend the Canyon City visioning charette this Fall.</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>
<u>7-14-15</u>	<u>Vitalization Workgroup requests demographic data for community from EPA.</u>	<u>Chris Wardell sent a summary document and links to three key databases to Joe Kocman.</u>	<u>Completed July 16</u>
<u>7-14-15</u>	<u>EPA will share data from the pilot sampling project at the August CAG meeting, if the data has been successfully shared with homeowners first.</u>		
<u>7-14-15</u>	<u>EPA will share the draft Sampling Plan. During the CAG workgroup meeting, the group will also discuss what sampling data will be publicly available..</u>		

<u>7-14-15</u>	<u>Request by CAG to have a Sampling Demonstration Day.</u>		
<u>7-14-15</u>	<u>Request by CAG for EPA to determine if it is possible to use TASC funds to help educate the lending community about Superfund.</u>		

**Attachment C**  
**Attendance at June 9, 2015 Meeting**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>9-Jun-15</b>
Alex	Baca	
Bob	Blazich	
Roman	Castro	
Kristi	Celico	X
Merril	Coomes	X
John	Cordova	X
Fran	Costanzi	X
David	Dorian	
Libby	Faulk	
Sabrina	Forrest	X
Karen	Fortner	
Raj	Goyal	
Jasmin	Guerra	
Terry	Hart	X
Kiera	Hatton	
Tim	Hawkins	
Joe and Pam	Kocman	X
Aaron	Martinez	X
Jeannine	Natterman	X
Beritt	Odom	X
Maureen	O'Reilly	
Charlie	Partridge	
Charlotte	Plutt	
Alissa	Schultz	
Steve	Singer	
Alicia	Solis	X
Nadine	Triste	X
Harric	Vander Valk	X
Ross	Vincent	X
Christopher	Wardell	X
David	Webb	
Michael	Wenstrom	
Steve	Wharton	
Ken	Williams	
Julianne and James	Williamson	
Robin	Witt	
Chad	Wolgram	

**Guests:** Doug Fitzgerald, Kelly Gehlhoff, Kelsey Kennedy, Shana Lewis, Tony Perralta, Kevin Roark, Dave Telbert,