

CAP MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2007
DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.
Belvidere, New Jersey

The DSM Community Advisory Panel met on August 21, 2007. Present at the meeting were Chairman of the AirQAP, Bud Allen; Belvidere resident, Al Bennett; Warren County Planning Director, Dave Dech; President of the Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Hal Halvorsen; White Township resident, Ernest Maso; Belvidere residents Laurie and Jim Christine, Doug Smyth; and Chairman of the White Township Planning Board, Tony Wyhopen.

Present from DSM were Site Director, Wim Vorage; Environmental, Health and Safety Director, Jim Brandl; Safety and Industrial Hygiene Compliance Advisor, Linda Griest; Manager, Process Operations, Richard Mazzola; and Sr. Business Coordinator, Staci Calligari. Steve Ross facilitated the meeting.

Housekeeping Items

1. Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2007 to be updated. Revised copy posted to CAP website.
2. Good Will Fire Company celebrated 125 years of service and recently participated in town parade. Wim Vorage had the opportunity to meet and thank Good Will's Fire Chief, Jim Christine, for their many years of service. Wim wrote his thoughts in a letter and shared with the CAP Members. The letter will be framed and sent to Jim Christine to display at the Fire Hall. DSM also participated in the parade and won the second prize trophy.

Tour of Optima Production Facility

Richard Mazzola provided an overview and conducted a tour of the Optima facility. This facility has been operating since 1996 producing vitamin beadlets such as Vitamin A, Vitamin E and PUFA. Rich explained the process of formulation from the synthesis, fermentation, extraction form to the product form. Vitamin A (Retinol) is used in many products for healthy skin and hair and for strong teeth and bones. Vitamin A (Retinol) is essential for vision, helps repair body tissues and reduces susceptibility to infections by protecting the mucous membranes of the mouth, nose, throat and lungs. Vitamin E is important for proper functioning of the immune system and the proper function of red blood cells. Vitamin E is essential for normal growth and development. It is an antioxidant nutrient that helps protect tissues against damage. Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids or PUFA's, are a nutritional supplement derived from fish oil which contains omega 3 fatty acids. Omega 3 fatty acids are important building blocks for our cell membranes and nervous system which benefits the heart by reducing cholesterol, preventing blood clots and arrhythmias. Omega 3 improves the development of the brain and nervous system as well as motor development and vision in formula-fed babies.

DSM Business Update

Wim Vorage announced that the product testing in Building 209 was successful. The ARA Department will increase capacity due to in-sourcing of fermentation from California. Wim also informed the group that DSM is currently looking into a joint venture project for Vitamin C. This statement prompted the question, "Is DSM capable of starting Vitamin C again?" Wim clarified to the group, that DSM is keeping all possibilities open and waiting the decommissioning of the Vitamin C building until all evaluations are complete and our options are exhausted. Wim shared the new high-level organizational changes within DSM and told the group that the interest in the United States has increased in the eyes of DSM. For 2008, more products will come, but like anything, there are still concerns.

Jim Brandl reported on two environmental incidents that occurred at the site, one involving an overflow of waste treatment and one involving cleaning solution which entered an elevator shaft.

DSM recently implemented the Behavior Based Safety program at the Belvidere site. The BBS is in place to monitor, achieve and improve the safety and awareness of the employees. Slips, trips and falls program will start this fall.

Keeping the Community Informed

The CAP meetings are scheduled every other month and focus on set topics and open items. The meeting summaries are posted on the CAP website. The members receive mailings, news releases and the DSM Belvidere Reporter. DSM has successfully succeeded in communications with the CAP members, but how do we communicate with the community? Here is a listing of suggestions the CAP members brainstormed:

1. Attend community meetings in local housing developments.
2. Advertise in Riverbend.
3. Hold open house for employees, friends, and family.
4. Hold open house for local community members.
5. Reserve a booth during Victoria Days.
6. Newspaper
7. Hold seminars at Belvidere High School
8. Donate scholarship fund to chemistry student

Election of CAP Chairperson

The time is quickly approaching for the CAP members to select a person to serve as their chair. The responsibilities of the chairperson were reviewed and the members were asked to be prepared to consider the nominations.

Topics for Next CAP Meeting

After considering several topics, the CAP agreed that the focus of the CAP meeting on October 16, 2007 should be site and food safety. CAP members will discuss the proactive approaches DSM makes to ensure site safety as well as learn about the precautions taken for food safety. The October meeting will include a tour of the vitamin C blending facility.