

CAP MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2007  
DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.  
Belvidere, New Jersey

Attended by:

Bud Allen	Ernest Maso	Jim Brandl
Al Bennett	Lelia Pappas	Linda Griest
Laurie Christine	Lynn Serniuk	Wim Vorage
Dave Dech	Ann Skoog	Steve Ross
Bob & Sandy Goldberg	Doug Smyth	
Robert Goltz	Mark Walsh	
Hal Halvorsen	Frank Wheatley	
Malcolm Leslie	Tony Wyhopen	
Marianne Meyer-Garcia		

Welcome & Introductions

Self introduction from all attendees. Steve Ross explained that DSM invited representatives from a diverse cross-section of community stakeholder interests to participate in the Community Advisory Panel. In addition, the company placed ads in local newspapers to invite interested residents to participate in the CAP.

Overview of DSM & DSM Nutritional Products

✚ Wim Vorage, Belvidere Site Director, gave an overview of DSM and reviewed products that are produced by DSM Nutritional Products worldwide and at Belvidere. The attendees asked questions about future plans for the Belvidere site. Wim explained that DSM is researching many different potential new products that may be produced in Belvidere. A focus when considering producing new products for Belvidere is moving away from chemical synthesis and more in the direction of green technology, such as fermentation.

✚ Site Performance

Jim Brandl, Director, Safety, Health and Environment of North America, reviewed DSM's air permits and the site's improved performance record over the last three years. Jim talked about the Asthma Study conducted as a DSM Supplemental Environmental Project by investigators from University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey. This study was recommended by the CAP and done with the cooperation of the schools in Belvidere, White & Harmony townships. The Asthma Study focused on students from Elementary to High School in all three townships. The asthma study is available from NJDEP or electronically on the DSM CAP website.

✚ Overview of CAP Role & Purpose & Meeting Frequency

Steve Ross reviewed the CAP charter and provided a brief summary of the CAP's history. He asked the attendees for suggestions about topics to focus on for CAP meetings in 2007. In addition to a series of briefings by DSM on activities that are going on at, and planned for, the Belvidere site, the CAP suggested: discussions of DSM partnerships with schools, local businesses and communities to be a good corporate citizen; integrating DSM's recycling program with Warren County's; developing an employee ride sharing program; and coordinating with Warren County on emergency response planning and preparedness.

✚ Status of CAP Membership

Steve explained that with the completion of the epidemiological asthma study, several long-term CAP members had retired. With a new Site Director and new directions being planned for DSM's Belvidere Plant, the time is right to revitalize the CAP and develop new topics for it to focus on. Steve also noted that typically the CAP selects one of its members to serve as chair. He suggested that after the members of the reconstituted CAP get to know each other better, they designate a chair, perhaps in late summer or fall.

✚ Keeping the Community Informed

The CAP discussed how to keep the community informed about the Panel's activities. There was preliminary agreement that, as was done in the past, news releases should be issued following meetings to summarize what occurred. In addition, the CAP suggested that meeting summaries also be sent to key community stakeholders.

✚ Suggested Topics for Next CAP Meeting

- The next meeting will include a production tour of the Arachidonic Acid facility, where a key ingredient in infant formula is made. Future meetings will include tours of other areas of interest at the site
- DSM will also report on the status of activities at the Belvidere site.
- The CAP will identify community concerns that should be discussed at future meetings.