

# DSM Nutritional Products, Inc.

## Community Advisory Panel

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Emergency Management Coordinator

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**Tony Wyhopen**  
Chairman, White Twp. Planning Board

*DSM Nutritional Products Inc.*

*Community Advisory Panel Meeting*

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

*DSM Belvidere – Building 206 (Cafeteria)*

**In attendance: Bud Allen, Rik Atkinson, Al Bennett, Jim Brandl, Laurie Christine, Bob Goltz, Harold Halvorsen, Ernie Maso, Ann Skoog, Rene Vroege, Frank Wheatley, Victoria Meghdar, Barbara Furber**

- **Minutes were approved as written by members.**
- **Damages from Hurricane Ike at Freeport, Texas facility were discussed. Freeport operators in the process of starting up production.**
- **Belvidere update:**
  - **Trienols project: In start up phase last several weeks. Fermentation not performing up to expectations. Several options being looked at.**
  - **All Contractors on DNP site have to be on the Approved List and show their safety records before working on this site.**
  - **We try to schedule maintenance shutdowns during summer to save on energy which costs the most in the summer season.**
  - **Demolition work has been approved to demolish the vitamin C building. Part of the bldg 214 will remain since it is still utilized for Ethanol recovery for our vitamin C forms production areas.**
- **DOE Grant**
  - **Pilot Plant will be built in existing fermentation facility to develop 2<sup>nd</sup> generation enzymes to produce Bioethanol.**
  - **Start up of laboratory begun and the lab should be running by the end of 2008. Visits by DOE are expected to ensure we are doing planned work.**
  - **Actual full scale trial of making Bioethanol using enzyme will occur at another site in the mid-west. Part of grant.**

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- **Business Update:**
  - Confirm new products to site. New investment opportunities for products such as Ropufa (fish oil).
  - Rene Vroege updated team regarding joint venture project in China.
- **Quality Improvement Program – Site falls under a number of regulations from chemical food regulations to pharmaceutical regulations as required by end use of the product. Food and Drug administration has oversight (includes dietary supplements).**
  - DNP wants to be the quality producer of choice.
  - Jim Brandl discussed current article, i.e. pressure on FDA to regulate dietary health supplements.
  - China not only faces quality issues but also increasing cost for environmental protection. There were a lot of issues with China, for instance, to increase standards for the environment, etc.
  - Business Outlook – DNP as a whole is doing very well. Belvidere is also doing well with several lines at capacity.
- **Site Update: No environmental incidents. One First Aid case.**
- **Torch Initiative – Bud Allen asking for suggestions for possible program to sponsor, i.e. nutritional programs, school programs (grades 6-12). School programs can include visiting schools to give children ideas on what to expect once out in the workforce; consider a website. Initiative also to show benefit to community. All ideas will be considered.**  
CAP felt that DSM could be more supportive and also volunteer with local community.
- **It was suggested that possibly 3 acres of land be given back to Belvidere as a gift so that it could possibly be used for entertainment i.e. amphitheater. Consider as a Torch project.**
- **Use of Chemicals at Belvidere Plant**
  - Many hazardous dangerous chemicals were used and located at the Belvidere Plant at one time.
  - Companies are now required to disclose all hazardous dangerous chemicals in their inventory. Chloroform and Chlorine have been eliminated and no longer used in Belvidere.
  - DSM moved to bleach which was more expensive but helped remove 1 ton chlorine cylinders and get hazardous chemicals off the Belvidere site. There are no hazardous chemicals located at DSM Belvidere that would pose a danger to the community. (Off-site effects).
  - DSM has an emergency evaluation plan in place in case of an emergency. All core team members at DSM have a copy of the plan and know what they have to do.
  - Jim Brandl reviewed the emergency evacuation plan with the CAP members.
  - Jim Brandl reviewed the ChemTrec notification process for our products in transportation.
  - Jim Brandl reviewed the federal and state hotlines in place, etc. for emergencies.
  - Rapid notification in Warren County is in place.
- **Family Day was reviewed with the CAP team.**
  - CAP felt that was a good event and should be repeated on a yearly basis. Lots of good comments.

- **Updates were given on quality initiatives and the recent COA audit at DSM – Belvidere.**
  - **DSM did very well in many areas such as Safety, Health & Environment (SHE) and Manufacturing.**
  - **There were some negative findings and comments on the quality system. A plan is in place to make improvement to the standards.**
- **Christmas in Belvidere plans were discussed. Bud Allen requested DSM become a sponsor for the event. Jim Brand to follow up. Victoria Days at Belvidere also discussed .**
- **It was suggested that events going on in Warren County be put on-line for the community.**

**NEXT MEETING:                   TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18  
6:00 – 8:30 PM  
Building 206 – Cafeteria**