

Talking Points for Mathy Stanislaus
Community Webinar
Showcasing the Federal Facility Community Tools
Thursday, November 8, 2012
3:00-4:00 pm

- Thank you for attending today's webinar.

- We are very pleased to share with you the final version of three community tools. During today's webinar, we will showcase three community tools: video, training module and template for a site specific fact sheet. These tools will educate communities about the five-year review process and summarize the key information found in the report.

- In June 2012, we hosted a community webinar and showed you a draft version of these tools. We appreciated your input and we have incorporated your comments in these final products.

- We began this dialogue with you in October 2010 in Washington, DC. During that first Federal Facility Cleanup Dialogue meeting, we heard issues regarding the long term protectiveness of the sites. Once the federal government presence disappears from the site, how do we ensure that the remedies remain protective of human health and the environment? During the second Federal Facility Cleanup Dialogue meeting in September 2011, we assured you that the information in the five-year review report supports whether the remedy remains protective, and if not, what actions are taken by the federal government to make the remedy protective.

- During the September 2011 dialogue meeting, we also heard your concerns about community engagement in the five-year review process

and the length and technical jargon in the reports. We believe these tools will address some of your concerns raised in September Dialogue meeting.

- As we achieve major cleanup objectives at our sites and reach construction completion or last remedy in place, we know that everything has not been removed and that hazards may remain on these sites for the foreseeable future. We also know that because of these hazards we need to continue to evaluate whether the decisions that were agreed by the federal agency, regulators, and community continue to protect human health and the environment. We continue to periodically evaluate the long term monitoring data to determine whether the remedy is performing as we planned, designed and constructed.
- The process of re-looking at remedies is within the five-year review process. This process provides an opportunity for community folks to know whether the remedy remains protective now and in the future.
- These community tools were developed by the Federal Workgroup on Five-Year Review. This workgroup is part of an interagency collaboration among EPA, DOD and its service components, Department of Energy and Department of Interior. These federal agencies are committed to improving the five-year review process and ensuring that communities are engaged in the process and have an understanding of what is written in the reports. The key message from the five-year review is to determine whether the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment.
- Today we will share with you a 4 minute video about five-year reviews designed to introduce communities to the process and to be a primer for the community training module.
- After the video, you will see a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation with video that will be used as a community training module that educates communities on the five-year review process and helps to synthesize the information in the reports.

- Last, we will present a template for a community fact sheet that will summarize the data and report on the protectiveness of the remedy.
- After today's webinar, you will receive a thank you note with the link for viewing the video, training module, and the template. These tools will be available on the EPA and the other federal agencies web site. We are encouraging site managers to use these tools at their community meetings and to modify these tools based on the site-specific needs.
- We appreciate the willingness of stakeholders to participate in an ongoing dialogue about the federal facility cleanup program and to engage with us on follow-up activities. We heard your concerns about long-term protectiveness, and the need for more accessible and useful information. We believe that development of these community tools on the five-year review process as well as our efforts in regard to enhanced information sharing tools is responsive to your feedback. Again, thank you for joining us today.