

ORICA AMMONIA PLANT START UP COMMITTEE

Minutes: Meeting 6, 15 November 2011.

Venue: Government Offices 117 Bull Street, Newcastle, NSW

Attendees:

Chair- Greg Sullivan Chief Environmental Regulator EPA
Craig Dalton - Hunter New England Health
Trevor Shiels - NSW Police
John Grailton – NSW Police
Adam Gilligan - Compliance Services Manager Newcastle City Council
Paul Minett – Port Stephens Council
Laurence Richey - Team Manager WorkCover
Dave Chamings - WorkCover
Stuart Harvey - Major Hazard Facilities Team - Fire and Rescue NSW
Lilia Donkova - Technical Specialist Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Gary Davey - Director North East Branch EPA
Grahame Clarke – Regional Manager EPA

Apologies:

Stephen Davis - Fire and Rescue NSW

Invitees:

Sean Winstone – Sustainability Manager – Australia/Asia Orica (item 4 only)
Wayne Davies SN2 Pty Ltd

Item 1: Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 10.00am and welcomed the members of the Committee. The representative from Orica was also welcomed. Apologies were noted.

Item 2: Previous Meeting Minutes and Actions

The draft minutes of meeting 5 confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

The Chair introduced Dr Wayne Davies to the Committee.

Item 3 Agency Updates

WorkCover - reported on its investigation of an ammonia leak from the plant on 9 November 2011. WorkCover has requested Orica to attend a meeting on Friday 18 November to discuss aspects of Orica's management of the Kooragang Island site.

The Chair confirmed that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) would work closely with WorkCover on the current investigations underway.

Newcastle City Council – noted an increase in community concern with the announcement by Incitec of its proposal to establish an ammonia nitrate facility on Kooragang Island.

Fire and Rescue NSW - advised that a second meeting was scheduled with Orica to discuss a number of issues with the emergency plan training package submitted by Orica on the 26 October for the Committee's consideration.

Department of Planning and Infrastructure – confirmed that consideration of Orica's application to amend its current development consent to expand the plants processing capacity has been put on hold pending the lifting of the EPA's Prevention Notice.

Item 4: Orica Update

Mr Winstone was invited to join the meeting for this item. He provided an overview of the progress that Orica was making towards addressing all the items in the verification matrix. To assist, Mr Winstone provided a power point presentation.

Mr Winstone referred to a number of documents submitted for the Committee's consideration.

The Chair noted that given the number of documents submitted just prior to this meeting the Committee would not have time to consider and respond to each document at this meeting. The Chair also noted that a number of the documents submitted would be referred to Dr Wayne Davies for consideration in providing his advice to the Committee.

Mr Winstone agreed to provide any further documentation considered necessary for Dr Wayne Davies to respond to the questions the committee has asked him to comment on. A site meeting would also be arranged for Dr Davies.

Mr Winstone advised that all of the site works recommended by the Independent Engineer have been completed.

Actions:

- Fire and Rescue NSW to meet with Orica to review any outstanding issues with the staff training modules and report back to the Committee.
- Mr Winstone asked to assist Dr Wayne Davies with any information required to complete his review and report to the Committee.
- Mr Winstone to submit a final Verification Audit Report for the physical changes made to the plant and remediation/cleaning of the plant.

Item 5: Review of Verification Matrix Actions.

The verification matrix was updated out of session for consideration by the Committee at the next meeting.

Item 7: General Business

There was no general business.

Item 8: Next meeting

Next meeting: 0900 – 1230 hrs, 25 November 2011, Government Office Building, Bull Street, Newcastle.

The Chair thanked all committee members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

