



## **Notes of Meeting #7 – Essar Steel Algoma Inc. Community Liaison Committee**

Date: October 27, 2011

Location: Essar Steel Algoma Inc.  
Administration Building  
Main Conference Room

Time: Noon to 2:15pm

### **CLC Members in Attendance**

Jerry Freiman - Essar Steel Algoma Inc.  
Blair McLaughlin - Ontario Ministry of Environment  
Catherine Taddo - City of Sault Ste. Marie (Replaces Susan Hamilton-Beach as Alternate)  
David Trowbridge - Public  
Patt Marquis – Public  
Dave Martin - Chippewa County Health Department  
Kara Flannigan - Algoma Public Health (Alternate)  
Rainer Schmitt - United Steelworkers Local 2251

### **CLC Members not in Attendance**

Jerry Suurna - Essar Steel Algoma Inc.  
Dan Sayers Jr. - Batchewana First Nations  
Don Elliott – City of Sault Ste. Marie  
Sherri Cleaves – Algoma Public Health

### **Meeting Notes**

Jerry Freiman presented several slides regarding Essar to benefit members that may not have previously had the information. The presentation contained some updates from the version presented by Jerry Suurna at the May 3, 2011 meeting. This was helpful for the newest member Catherine Taddo who has replaced Susan Hamilton-Beach as the Committee member alternate for Don Elliott.

#### **1. Review of Meeting #6 Notes**

The notes for Meeting #6 held on May 3, 2011 were tabled and accepted by all in attendance.

2. **Update on MOE Co-Location Study**

Jerry Freiman stated that the Essar sub-contract lab and the MOE Lab Services Branch had concluded their review and had prepared a memo of findings. The memo essentially confirms that there were differences in some of the analytical methods, although the methodologies were approved by the MOE. The memo states that once all the differences had been accounted for, the Essar contract lab results and the MOE lab results were aligned. In other words, the results reported by Essar were acceptable.

David Trowbridge, Patt Marquis and Kara Flannigan asked if the findings would be made public or would Essar put them on its website. Jerry Freiman stated that the memo had just recently come out and Essar had not considered publishing on the company website.

3. **Review of ESAI #6 Blast Furnace Baghouse Certificate of Approval issued March 31, 2010, including:**

i. **Plans to start up #6 Blast Furnace**

Jerry Freiman stated that there had been no change in plans on the possible startup of #6, indicating the current state of the steel market had not improved appreciably and the restart of the Essar #6 blast furnace is not warranted.

ii. **Progress on Individual Oven Pressure Control (IOPC) for #9 Battery.**

Jerry Freiman stated that the IOPC project is underway with the last oven on 9 battery pushed out in the early hours of October 27<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Freiman stated that it is estimated that the project will require a minimum of 15 days for completion. As this installation is the first of its kind in North America, the actual timeline may vary.

iii. **Progress on Door/Jamb Cleaners for #7 Battery.**

Jerry Freiman stated that Essar has completed the purchase of the cokeside and pusherside equipment required to complete this project. The equipment will be refurbished to be compatible with Essar's #7 battery. Jerry Freiman stated the cokeside equipment is to be installed by June 30, 2012 and the pusherside equipment by July 31, 2012, as per Order from the MOE.

Jerry Freiman stated and confirmed by Blair McLaughlin that interim measures have been implemented per the order and regular reporting to the MOE will be required.

iv. **Progress on the replacement of #7 Battery.**

Jerry Freiman stated that the Essar position on replacement of #7 battery with a new battery had not changed. It is Essar's aim to be able to sustain a secure and stable coke supply. This issue will be revisited if market conditions suggest increasing iron production.

v. **Site Specific Standard for Benzene and Benzo-a-pyrene.**

Jerry Freiman stated that Essar remains in the process of establishing a site specific standard for Benzene and B(a)P as are the other integrated steelmakers in Ontario; Arcelor Mittal Dofasco and US Steel Hamilton.

Jerry Freiman stated that the CAMM monitoring (Combined Air Monitoring and Modelling) was continuing for the collection of the required number of valid samples for data that will be used for the site specific standard. Of the required 30 samples, to date 23 valid samples have been collected for benzene and 21 valid samples have been collected for benzo(a)pyrene and that regular status reports of the samples collected continue to be provided to the MOE for review.

Jerry Freiman stated that Essar is continuing to participate with other integrated steelmakers and the MOE in discussions around the MOE proposal for development of a technical standard for cokemaking which would level the playing field for all coke producers in Ontario. The technical standard would replace the process of applying for site specific standards.

Jerry Freiman stated that the MOE are leading the development of a technical standard for cokemaking and will include public consultations as part of the process. This was confirmed by Blair McLaughlin.

#### **4. Current and planned activities that require a certificate of approval submission**

Jerry Freiman stated that currently there are no new applications before the MOE for approval.

#### **5. Review of Environmental Performance**

Jerry Freiman informed the committee that the latest quarterly Industrial Source Monitoring results are continuing to be made available on the company website and that the site is current. The most recent ISM quarterly report covers the period April to June, 2011

Patt Marquis stated that all of the information Essar is required to post on their website is in fact there and available to interested parties.

Jerry Freiman stated that the company will make available information regarding the oven pressure control project on the website as well.

Jerry Freiman updated the committee regarding erection of a section of noise barrier wall along Bonney Street. This project is continuing and the current plans remains to have this work completed by the end of 2011.

#### **6. Scheduling of Next Public Open House**

Jerry Freiman indicated that Essar had not yet come up with a tentative date for the next Open House but expected it would be some time after the successful commissioning of the oven pressure control. The committee will be kept informed.

#### **7. Membership**

Jerry Freiman stated that to his knowledge, to date there still has been no formal response from First Nation's regarding their continued participation on the committee. There was brief discussion initiated by Patt Marquis and Dave martin on whether we should entertain a First Nations member from another Band.

Jerry Freiman stated that it is our preference to work with the Batchewana Band and until such time as there was a formal response, we would hold a decision on that. Jerry Freiman stated that Essar would keep the committee informed if there was any change in that status.

## **8. Timeliness of Meeting Notes, Distribution**

Jerry Freiman asked the committee members if there were any issues with the timeliness of the meeting minutes and all responded that they were satisfied with the current arrangement. Jerry Freiman stated he would aim to have the draft minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting out to committee members by Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and requested that members please respond within a week so that the meeting minutes could be put on the website by November 7th.

## **Other Information**

David Trowbridge informed the committee members that to his knowledge, the report from Health Canada regarding the health study conducted in 2010 was not ready for release as previously planned. Data corrections are still ongoing and the report will not likely be released until Spring 2012.

Dave Martin and Kara Flannigan asked if it would be possible that they could put an active link on their respective websites (Chippewa County Health Department and Algoma Health Unit) to the CLC meeting minutes. Jerry Freiman (and others) indicated this is probably an unnecessary requirement since anyone who opens the link now could simply add it as a “favorites” tab and look at it anytime they wished. Jerry Freiman stated that the company would review this request.

## **9. Next Meeting**

Jerry Freiman stated that Essar will schedule the next CLC meeting to take some time in the first Quarter 2012.

*Meeting notes prepared by Jerry Freiman.  
October 31, 2011*

## **Current Members and Alternates**

<b>Representation</b>	<b>Primary Member</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Essar Steel Algoma Inc.	Jerry Suurna	Jerry Freiman
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Ontario Ministry of Environment Public	Blair McLaughlin	Ron Dorscht
Public	David Trowbridge	Ildiko Horvath
Algoma Public Health	Patt Marquis	Kathie Brosemer
Chippewa County Health Depart.	Sherri Cleaves	Kara Flannigan
Batchewana First Nations	Dave Martin	Christine Daley
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