

OPENING REMARKS

For the public meeting on the BAKER HUGHES/DRESSER INDUSTRIES REMEDICATION PROJECT

Pineville, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

Agency Interest No. 2920

Thursday May 27, 2021

Good evening! My name is Jay Glorioso. I am employed with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. I will be serving as the meeting moderator this evening, Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Prior to this meeting, LDEQ set up an email address for the community to submit questions. This meeting was scheduled to provide an update on the ongoing remediation project occurring in relation to the Dresser Industries/Baker Hughes site located at 8011 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, Rapides Parish and to accept additional public questions and comments concerning this project.

This meeting is not being conducted in a question and answer format. Please remember that the purpose of this meeting is for DEQ to provide an update and receive your questions and comments concerning the ongoing remediation project and to provide you information regarding the remediation project.

This meeting is to provide all individuals a chance to be heard regardless of their position on the project. Courteous behavior is expected of everyone at all times. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their questions or comment. All questions and comments heard and transcribed during this meeting and all written questions and comments received will be evaluated and addressed in a written response by the Department.

The remediation process that is ongoing at the Dresser facility in Pineville is structured by statutory requirements. Once contamination is discovered, LDEQ directs all of the work involved in the investigation and remediation of the contamination. The party responsible for the chemical release is financially liable for cleanup. The responsible party hires environmental consultants to conduct the investigation and remediation. All of the work performed by the consultants must be approved by LDEQ.

Remediation is required to be continued until the contamination is reduced to levels determined to be protective of human health and the environment as defined by LDEQ regulations. Investigation and remediation can be a complex, lengthy processes and often requires years to complete. LDEQ oversees these processes every step of the way.

Information regarding the site and the remediation process can be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov under Agency Interest Number (AI) 2920

In order to submit questions or make comments, you must fill out a card that identifies you by name and address. This meeting is being recorded and transcribed; therefore, I will ask that each speaker begin by stating for the record their name, address, and any organization he or she may represent.

I would like to remind you to please turn off all cell phones.

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Thank you.

The agenda for tonight's meeting is as follows:

Dr. Brown, Secretary of the LDEQ, will give the opening remarks.

Following Dr. Brown's opening statements, I will present the community questions received prior to this meeting and LDEQ's responses to the questions.

Next, Mr. Carey Dicharry with the LDEQ will provide information on the status of the investigation and remediation activities being conducted on and offsite of the Dresser facility.

Next, Dresser will provide an update on the investigation and remediation efforts and will discuss Vapor Intrusion activities associated with the site.

Next, Christy McLean will provide information on the Dresser VAP program.

This meeting will close with an opportunity for the community to submit questions or make comments.

Our first speaker this evening is Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

(Jay: At this time present the slides with the community questions and answers. [Click here.](#))

Our next speaker is Mr. Carey Dicharry. Carey is a geologist manager with the LDEQ remediation division. He is going to provide you with information outlining the status of the investigation and remediation activities to date at the facility. Some of you may have met Carey at the Police Jury meetings and the hearing held last July at the Louisiana College.

Our next speaker is Mr. John Ellis. John is a consultant with GHD Environmental Consultants. GHD, along with Stantec Environmental Services, is conducting the investigation at the Dresser facility and in the surrounding community. John will provide an update on the Dresser investigation and remediation activities. Some of you may have met John at the Police Jury meetings and the LDEQ hearing held last July at Louisiana College.

Our next speaker is Christy McLean. Ms. McLean is the program administrator for Dresser's Value Assurance Program. Ms. McLean intends to spend the next few minutes briefly describing this program.

I will now begin by allowing all persons who have signed up to speak three minutes, in which, to present their questions or comments.

CLOSING REMARKS

Are there any other questions or comments? If there are no other questions or comments, I would like to thank you for your attention and participation in this meeting. LDEQ will prepare a written response to all questions and comments received tonight, in addition to any questions received via email. LDEQ will post the written responses on its Dresser Webpage. In addition, LDEQ will send notification of the written responses to anyone who submitted questions or comments or requested notification of the written responses.

Let the record reflect that the time is ____P.M.

This meeting is adjourned.