

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FORMATION OF THE COALITION FOR ACTION ON REMEDIATION OF DIOXANE (CARD), APPOINTING A WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMISSIONER AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE, AND CONCLUDING ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE GELMAN GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION PLAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 19, 2006

WHEREAS, the PALL/Gelman contamination site continues to demand attention and actions from the State, County and impacted local units of Government including the City of Ann Arbor, Scio Township, and Ann Arbor Township; and

WHEREAS, through cooperative efforts local governments and citizens have instrumental in achieving much of the positive progress that has been made to date; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Partnership Committee created in August 1997 served the residents of Washtenaw County well in coordinating policies and strategies across local units of government, but lacked sufficient mechanisms for citizen involvement and is no longer active; and

WHEREAS, an organization is needed to replace the existing Gelman Groundwater Remediation Plan Intergovernmental Partnership to better meet the community needs; and

WHEREAS, 1,4-dioxane released by PALL/Gelman persists and groundwater contamination has expanded in Washtenaw County to an area over three miles long and one mile wide; and

WHEREAS, the remediation of this site is likely to take an additional 20 years or more based on Pall Corp. and MDEQ estimates; and

WHEREAS, activities continue that require monitoring and response by governmental organizations in coordination with citizens, including but not limited to actions related to permits, well installations, remediation technologies, effluent discharge, contamination migration, pipe installation and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the court cases and recent court decisions impact multiple jurisdictions and thereby require a strong organization to coordinate actions regarding education, political, legal, technical and policy; and

WHEREAS, citizens, staff and elected officials from the State, County, City of Ann Arbor and impacted townships, including the Drain Commissioner, City of Ann Arbor

Environmental Coordinator, County Commissioner, County staff, MDEQ staff, township supervisors, citizens representing various groups, met and agreed that a citizen and government coalition would be of substantial benefit; and

WHEREAS, this organization is intended to include elected representatives, key staff, environmental organizations, neighborhood groups, all interested citizens, and MDEQ; and

WHEREAS, the County encourages from other governmental agencies that are now or may become affected, to participate in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the County encourages preparation of agendas with expected outcomes to ensure efficient participation from members and shall seek consensus among parties; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the creation of the Coalition for Action on Remediation of Dioxane (CARD).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this organization shall include citizen representation on all levels, groups, committees and subcommittees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this organization shall create goals and committees as needed to ensure that education, technical, political, legal, and policy goals are met.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Washtenaw County shall support this organization with appropriate staff and necessary resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approves the following appointment to this coalition:

Conan Smith, Washtenaw County Commissioner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby concludes participation in the Gelman Groundwater Remediation Plan Intergovernmental Partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Washtenaw County Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to Ann Arbor Township, Scio Township, City of Ann Arbor, the MDEQ, and locally elected state officials.