



**Public Meeting Summary
MW Recycling (Shapiro Brothers)
May 9, 2013**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Jefferson County Department of Health and MW Recycling, LLC (current owners of the metal scrap and salvage facility in Festus formerly owned by Shapiro Brothers Inc.), hosted a public meeting May 9 at the Eagles Lodge in Crystal City. The meeting was held to discuss the anticipated components of an administrative order on consent compelling MW Recycling to conduct yard excavation and restoration at 15 residences identified with lead contamination above the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA's, residential action level of 400 ppm. These residences were identified through an investigation conducted by department staff in 2012. Additionally as part of the order MW Recycling will sample 15 additional homes in the neighborhood that were not sampled during the 2012 investigation. In addition to the agencies and company represented, there were approximately 40 local officials and members of the public in attendance.

The formal presentations were preceded by a one-hour public availability session, which gave members of the public the opportunity to review maps identifying the homes that were sampled and speak one-on-one with representatives of the agencies listed above.

The formal presentations began with the Department of Natural Resources' Michael Stroh (Superfund project manager), who coordinated the efforts of an investigation of possible lead contamination on property adjacent to MW Recycling or along the routes used by trucks to haul scrap metal to the site for processing. His presentation, which is available online: www.dnr.mo.gov/env/hwp/sfund/shapiro.htm, included a history of the department's involvement in the site, an overview of the findings of the previous investigations, details of the next steps in remediation of the sites determined to have been affected by lead, and what properties are selected for the next phase of investigation.

Gene Watson, an environmental consultant representing MW Recycling, discussed the current draft of the administrative order on consent that addresses these off-site issues to be entered into by MW Recycling and the department; identified property affected by lead; reviewed the agreements needed from property owners before cleanup of yards could begin; and outlined the order in which the cleanup will take place. His presentation is also available online.

During the question and answer session, audience members brought up concerns related to the following issues:

- Requested sampling of adjacent commercial property.
- Requested sampling and cleaning of the interior of homes.
- Questioned the effectiveness of the current street sweeper used by MW Recycling to collect road dust that is part of the regular mitigation efforts being conducted by the company.
- Requested comfort letters from the Department of Natural Resources that would document the extent of work done on their property and verify no further action was necessary to address lead contamination.
- Requested additional details associated with how yard cleanups and final conditions would be overseen and carried out.
- Requested information regarding labs that can conduct lead analysis.
- Requested the draft administrative orders be made available for public review and that additional public meetings be held in conjunction with these orders.

Department staff informed audience members that these issues will be further evaluated as part of the negotiation process prior to the finalization of any administrative order and that any additional efforts done to address all of these issues would be detailed on the Department of Natural Resources' MW Recycling website. An update and schedule of finalization will be provided in the near future, including staff contact information for any additional feedback from the public, prior to the completion of the administrative order.

The question and answer session adjourned for additional public availability.