Pepco prepared a draft of the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) to describe the program for facilitating communications with the public and providing opportunities for public participation with respect to the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) to be conducted at the Benning Road facility (the Site). The CIP has been prepared following the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Community Involvement Plans guidance available at [www.epa.gov/superfund/community/pdfs/7clplans.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/pdfs/7clplans.pdf). After public review and comment, DDOE posted responses to public comments received and approved a revised version of the CIP.

As part of the CIP requirements, a group of local community organizations and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were assembled to form a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for this RI/FS. Membership was selected from ANCs, civic associations and environmental advocacy groups who expressed an interest in the RI/FS and had pre-existing networks of communication within the local community. The CAG was convened in August of 2012 with the expectation that the CAG members would use their pre-existing links of communication to supplement other outreach efforts conducted by DDOE and Pepco. Likewise, CAG members were tasked with bringing community concerns about the project to the attention of DDOE and Pepco personnel in charge of the RI/FS.

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| With regard to evaluating supplemental outreach efforts, Pepco has sent out several mailings to roughly 12,000 people included in a mailing list for updates about the RI/FS. Likewise, both DDOE and Pepco operate independent websites on the project, a listserv was created, a facebook page was created and automated calls to area residents were also explored. In addition, several FAQ and abbreviated fact sheets were created to assist member of the public in digesting the highly technical documents. Both DDOE and Pepco have a strong commitment to ensuring that the community is made aware of developments in the RI/FS and has an opportunity to be heard. |

In addition to the formation of the CAG, several distinct tasks were selected to be included as part of the CIP, including:

**Activity 1A: Conduct a Health Risk Analysis as part of the Remedial Investigation.**

**Activity 2A: Develop a Fact Sheet on closing the Benning Power Plant.**

**Activity 3A: Designate a Pepco Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC).**

**Activity 3B: Develop and maintain a project mailing list for interested residents in the communities adjacent to the Site and other stakeholders and interested parties.**

**Activity 3C: Create a dedicated internet website to provide RI/FS Project information.**

**Activity 3D: Compile database of email addresses for interested persons.**

**Activity 3E: Prepare and distribute RI/FS project fact sheet.**

**Activity 3F:** **Prepare Responses to Frequently Asked Questions**

**Activity 3G: Support DDOE to maintain the Administrative Record.**

**Activity 3H: Provide communications in Spanish.**

**Activity 4A: Hold public meetings.**

**Activity 4B: Encourage formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG).**

**Activity 4C: Arrange facility tours for CAG.**

**Activity 4D: Make informal visits to community.**

**Activity 4E: Assist DDOE in responding to public comments.**

**Activity 4F: Evaluate Supplemental Outreach Efforts.**