

**SHORT REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**  
**Community Environmental Working Group: Accomplishments<sup>1</sup>**  
**(August 2009 - July 2010)**

“Striving for Continuous Environmental Improvements at Intel”

**Note: Accomplishments in this report go beyond the law. They all are steps that environmental and health regulatory agencies cannot currently require.**

*Environmental Improvements*

- Increased the pH in the scrubbers to eliminate odor stemming from 1-heptanethiol.
- Began the process of replacing older Durr RTOs and installing newer Munters units to achieve full redundancy by the end of 2010.

*Communications & Process Actions*

- Approved the use of the Citizen Protocol to test for crystalline silica emissions, completed a sampling and testing proposal, and established a Citizen Protocol Task Force to begin the process.
- Hosted a public meeting on silica testing to inform participants of the project and solicit input.
- Sent a letter to Intel management stating concern about the hazardous waste inspection report.
- Expanded our community advertising.

*Differences of opinion arise as to who deserves credit for the two large environmental improvements made this year. Some people inside and outside of Intel believe Intel managers or engineers deserve credit. Others inside and outside of Intel believe public critics of Intel should get the credit. Still others give the credit to “whistleblowers;” to pressures from public agencies, such as the ATSDR, EPA and NMED; to the public forum in its broad sense; or to citizen venues, such as the Community Environmental Working Group and Corrales Residents for Clean Air & Water. Some people inside and outside of Intel believe all of the above deserve credit.*

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<sup>1</sup> Actual accomplishments always fall short of what might be desired, yet they still add to useful progress. The accomplishments reported here are attributable to various members of the public, public agencies, Intel management and engineers, and discussions of the CEWG.

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