



November 29, 2002

Dear Cambria Neighbor,

Thank you for attending the informational meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cambria Village Hall. Your questions and comments are appreciated and in the attached page we are providing responses to questions posed during the evening. In addition to these responses we encourage you to review the information distributed at the meeting to learn more about our expansion plans.

Also, we want to remind you of our invitation to attend the bus tour of the Monroe ethanol plant on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** (8:30 am - 2:30 pm). For tour reservations please call Sharon Manthey at our Cambria facility at 920-348-5868 x10 or Kandi at our Johnson Creek office at 920-699-3633 x3 by Wednesday afternoon, **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Some have indicated desire to drive to Monroe on their own. If you choose to do this, please call the reservation number so we have an accurate count to present to our Monroe hosts and plan to meet the tour group upon our arrival at 10:45 am at the Monroe plant office.

Again, thank you for attending the meeting Tuesday and for your interest in Cambria's development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Didion", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dow Didion

## **Answers to questions asked at 11/26/02 Town Hall Meeting on Didion Milling Expansion Plan**

**1. Will there be a stop sign put up at the entrance of the plant for vehicles leaving the facility?**

With approval from the WDOT and Village authorities, a sign will be installed.

**2. Discussion regarding 146 - presently in planning stage / need to engage DOT in planning, which could include work on Commerce St. (D. Amato comments re. 2005, '06 or '07)**

Meetings are being scheduled with DOT engineers and county officials to discuss possible changes to Highway 146. We will continue to keep local officials involved in the process so that the community interests are being served.

**3. Transportation of hazardous material safety procedures**

Didion Milling will have a safety program including a Hazmat Plan in place. Training will be provided for Didion employees and community service departments – Fire, EMT, Police. We will require all drivers to meet all DOT safety requirements.

**4. Will additional water use affect water pressure?**

According to village representatives, the water volumes that would be used by the Didion Milling facility would be beneficial to the city water service and could improve water pressure.

**5. Could you provide detailed analysis of economic impact? (Not generalities)**

We have asked the WDATCP to forward this information as soon as it is available. Joe Tregonning, WDATCP, stated in our meeting that he is familiar with recent financial impact studies of ethanol facilities in Minnesota and will make those studies available to us. We will provide the information as soon as it is available.

**6. How will real estate values be affected by locating an ethanol plant in the community?**

We will provide information on real estate and economic data for Minnesota communities with ethanol plants as soon as we receive it from Joe Tregonning, WDATCP.

**7. Does the additional truck traffic increase the cost of road upkeep beyond the investment made in improvements?**

Based on past improvement projects road upkeep costs have been reduced with improved road and street surfaces.

**8. How many Didion employees live in Cambria?**

There are twenty-two (22) Didion employees with Cambria addresses. We are not sure how many of these employees live inside the village limits. There are many more that live in the neighboring communities.

**9. Can railroad-crossing blockage be reduced (from 5-6pm)?**

The installation of additional track and switches will reduce the time involved in switching the cars. Also, with more track capacity the cars will move off of the intersection with Highway 146 more quickly.

**10. Can the WSOR handle the capacity?**

Yes. The WSOR is expanding its yard in Horicon as well as additional track at the Didion facility. They are upgrading the trackage from Horicon to Cambria. These upgrades will increase the efficiency thru reduction of travel time which will allow additional trips to Cambria, thus reducing the number of railcars per trip. This track upgrade will also improve rail transportation safety by substantially reducing derailments.

**11. If the thermal oxidizer quits working what happens to the odor?**

The thermal oxidizer is integral to the operation of the ethanol plant, meaning without it the plant cannot run. When the thermal oxidizer is shut down for repair or maintenance, the ethanol plant will be shut down also. Once repairs have been made, the thermal oxidizer and the plant will be restarted and the emission of odors from unprocessed particulates will be avoided.