Mary Gentry and Tiffani Cravens from Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Drinking Water Protection Program (DWPP) presented information on their program to CAP members. The Drinking Water Protection Program is a non-regulatory program, funded by the Federal Government. They discussed how they endeavor to educate the public through presentations, videos, handouts. The DWPP team members are available to speak to civic clubs, schools and other groups. Folders with additional information were distributed to CAP members. Public Affairs Leader, Stacey Chiasson noted that there may be an opportunity for local schools to utilize this resource in conjunction with Dow’s STEM programs. Ms. Chiasson also noted that Dow’s Door to Door community event and Household Hazardous Materials Day (HHMD) in Iberville Parish may be additional opportunities to distribute or offer the DWPP educational materials to the public.

Eduardo Do Val, Site Director, discussed Dow’s 2014 EBITDA goal of $9.2 Billion. Dow met first quarter earnings. Do Val also updated CAP members on growth project Gulfstream. Dow has been awarded the necessary permits for both new polyethylene facilities.

Scott White, Dow’s Responsible Care Leader, provided an EH&S update. White summarized the most recent sampling data collected pursuant to the cooperative agreement between EPA and LDEQ.
Stacey Chiasson, Public Affairs Leader, informed the CAP of Dow’s sponsorship of the “Women in Welding” program being held at BRCC Westside. Chiasson also shared that there are 175 students now enrolled at the Westside Campus, and Plaquemine High will send students to the College in the fall for dual-enrollment classes.

Dow will award $25,000 in scholarships for local students to enroll Process Technology (PTEC) degree programs at BRCC and other approved college campuses.

The next CAP meeting is scheduled for August 14th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dow Plantation House.