

SUMMARY REPORT

Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Monthly Call

January 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CST/5:00 p.m. EST

Facilitator Pam Avery opened the meeting with a welcome and roll call of meeting participants (names of participants below) and then turned the meeting over to Ed Nam, EPA Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division (LCRD) Director, and Carolyn Bury, EPA Corrective Action Project Manager, for an update on EPA activities.

Prior to the site update, Ed briefly addressed the ground seepage that was discovered southeast of Hurricane Creek and south of the Amphenol site. Sampling conducted by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Emergency Response has determined that the seepage was likely a sanitary system leak on property owned by Duke Energy and is not connected with the Amphenol site. Carolyn added that the Amphenol Franklin Power Products site webpage, <https://www.epa.gov/in/amphenolfranklin-power-products-franklin-ind>, will be updated to include information about the seepage. (Additional details about the seepage are included in the IDEM update section below.)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Update:

As previously reported, EPA has granted an extension on the due date for the Amphenol Corrective Measures Study (CMS) being prepared by Amphenol and its contractors. This was the result of the Amphenol contractor, working closely with the remedial design subcontractor, determining that more soil data was needed to make sure that there is not a significant source area that needs treatment beneath the building. More groundwater samples under the building also will be conducted. Based on data from cleanups in 2010 and 2011, and the results of indoor air samples completed in the building since 2018, any contamination is likely to be minimal, but the requested further testing is considered prudent to ensure that the source area delineation is thorough.

The additional time needed for completion of the CMS means that the Statement of Basis document will be put out for public comment around May or June 2021, rather than early Spring. EPA plans to conduct a live or virtual meeting and question and answer period once the Statement of Basis document is rolled out.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)

IDEM Technical Environmental Specialist Kevin Davis provided the following updates:

Former Hougland Cannery:

IDEM is awaiting reports on the data from the new monitoring well installations in the farm field and within the property boundaries to complete the delineation. The agency also is waiting on the long-term mitigation plan for indoor air at the recycling center.

Former Arvin site:

IDEM is awaiting a formal response from the consultant concerning the requested additional work and hopes to have that information available by the next stakeholders call.

Former Franklin Power Products (400 N. Forsythe Street):

IDEM received the Environmental Restrictive Covenant (VFC # [83075482](#)). Based upon that and the investigation results, a No Further Action closure letter (VFC # [83082913](#)) was issued for the facility.

Seep Inspection Southeast of Hurricane Creek and Forsythe Street:

Once IDEM became aware of the seep, an IDEM Emergency Responder conducted a site visit. Field testing detected 2 to 3 parts per million (ppm) ammonia nitrogen in the seep water. IDEM was in contact with the Franklin City Stormwater Coordinator, who also collected samples for analysis at the wastewater treatment plant, which detected 2.4 ppm ammonia nitrogen. Based on sampling, odors, field test results, and responders' observations, the seepage was determined to likely be a septic release. IDEM therefore referred the incident to the Johnson County Health Department for follow-up. Duke Energy also collected samples of the seep water for laboratory analysis of approximately 150 compounds including VOCs, SVOCs, PAHs, PCBs, and metals. Preliminary results sent to IDEM showed detections of 2.3 ppm ammonia nitrogen, as well as phosphorus, barium, and total coliform, which are indicative of septic seeps. All other analyzed compounds were not detected. Duke Energy is working to mitigate the problem.

Comments, Questions & Responses:

Betsy Swearingen, Administrator, Environmental Health Department, Johnson County Health Department, said that Environmental Health Specialist Bob Smith is working on the seepage incident and is in constant contact with the IDEM field representative. She added later in the question and comment period that while she was not completely privy to the conversation between the Duke Energy representative and the IDEM field investigator, she believed that there was some discussion that the seepage was on private property. She said that septic bleeds like this from old systems are fairly common and that the Health Department works to clean them up as they are detected.

Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett added that he also has been in contact with the representative from Duke Energy, and that Duke is working on a cleanup plan for the site.

Steve Carter, of U.S. Senator Mike Braun's office, asked how the seepage was detected—who noticed it and how? Kari Reinhart, of If It Was Your Child, responded that a woman taking her daily walk near the site noticed the seepage and notified her. Tammy Moore and Carolyn Bury, of EPA, added that the seepage site was close to the Franklin Greenway Trail.

With no additional questions or comments, the Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. CST/5:25 p.m. EST. The next stakeholders call is scheduled for **Monday February 22, 2021, at 4:00 CST/5:00 p.m. EST.** An invitation will be sent to all stakeholders.

January 25, 2021, Meeting Participants:

EPA: Ed Nam, Carolyn Bury, Joe Cisneros, Tanmy Moore, Chris Black, Phillipa Cannon, Kirstin Safakas, Bhooma Sundar, and Gillian Asque

ATSDR: Dr. Motria Caudill

IDEM: Kevin Davis

Local/State Stakeholders: Kari Rhinehart (If It Was Your Child), Patty Meade, Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, Tara Payne (City of Franklin), Betsy Swearingen (Johnson County Health Department), Casey McFall (EnviroForensics), Terry Seitz and Steve Carter (U.S. Senator Mike Braun's Office)

AveryMassey: Pam Avery, facilitator; Rachel Massey, note taker