

## SUMMARY REPORT

### **Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Monthly Call** Monday September 28, 2020, 4:00 p.m. CDT/5:00 p.m. EDT

Facilitator Pam Avery opened the meeting with a welcome and roll call of meeting participants (names of participants below) and introduced EPA LCRD Director Ed Nam, who welcomed participants to the call and then turned the meeting over to Corrective Action Project Manager Carolyn Bury for project status updates.

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

Before beginning the EPA's technical update, Carolyn called on Kirstin Safakas, EPA Region 5 Community Involvement Coordinator, to make a few announcements. Kirstin told participants that the information being shared during the meeting would be posted onto the Amphenol Franklin website (<https://www.epa.gov/in/amphenolfranklin-power-products-franklin-ind>) within a day or so. She said also that the information would soon be sent out in a news release and that there might be media coverage of the site.

Carolyn stated that EPA had sent postcards to the residents in the neighborhood south of the former Amphenol site inviting them to participate in the monthly stakeholder calls. EPA is trying to expand participation in the calls. She asked if anyone was new on the call based on receiving a postcard; nobody responded.

**Onsite Soil Sampling Plans:** Between Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, additional soil samples were collected on and next to the site. As was related during previous calls, EPA is working with Amphenol to identify the scope of the soil contamination that is contributing to the ongoing groundwater contamination at the facility. The facility has a pump and treat system, which collects and treats the groundwater before releasing clean water back into the sanitary sewer system. One of the EPA's objectives is to clean up the site to the point where the pump and treat system – which has been in operation since the 1990s, with several upgrades – no longer is necessary.

The recent soil sampling was an expansion of work that started in May 2020 after several soil samples showed contamination at the perimeter of the outside boundary of the soil investigation area. The soil contamination is mostly in the “deep zone,” where there is a thick clay barrier under the sand layer containing the groundwater. The TCE and PCE are concentrated on top of the clay layer and attach to soil particles. The volatile organic compounds (VOCs) continually detach from the soil and contaminate the groundwater. EPA has required Amphenol to develop proposals for this source area treatment, but the facility first has to identify its boundaries.

The results of the May sampling event will be included on the Amphenol Franklin website, which will be updated with the results of the September sampling event, as well as how Amphenol proposes to treat the source areas once this is determined.

**Groundwater Pilot Study Report:** The purpose of the groundwater pilot study, which was conducted from October 2019 through April 2020, was to determine if using PlumeStop, a commercial product, would be effective at destroying the VOCs in the groundwater plume. Results showed that the VOC concentrations did decrease around the injection points. The table and other data from the results will be included on the Franklin Amphenol website.

**Other Groundwater Updates:** Through routine groundwater monitoring, EPA observed a steady decrease in contamination at a well near the excavation area of the old sewer and the surrounding contaminated soil.

### **Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Update:**

Kevin Davis, IDEM Technical Environmental Specialist, provided updates on the former Hougland Tomato Cannery-Recycling Center, the former Franklin Power Products (400 N. Forsythe) and the former Arvin sites.

**Former Hougland Cannery Site:** Additional sampling of the monitoring wells and injection points associated with the excavation has been conducted on the **western portion** of the former Hougland Cannery site. Conducted Sept. 24 and Sept. 25, the samplings were done to determine the immediate effectiveness of the removal and injections after the excavation was back-filled. IDEM expects preliminary data in a few weeks.

On the **eastern portion** of the Hougland property, 18 borings in and around the recycling center will be conducted to determine a potential source of the elevated levels of contaminated indoor air within the facility. Information is available on IDEM VFC #83025211. Approximately 28 additional wells are expected to be installed to finish the delineation of the contaminated groundwater. Once the information is received, a remediation work plan will be developed. IDEM expects these tasks to run through late December or early January.

Regarding the **recycling center**, the consultant has not provided a written report as of two weeks ago, but had told the business owner that the air tested out as safe. IDEM also is waiting for a written report on the indoor air results that were previously collected. Another round of sampling is expected to occur the week of October 5.

In addition, IDEM has discussed potential of sampling with the owners of the Circle City Bargain Warehouse, which occupies the **former gymnastic center** building.

**Former Franklin Power Products (400 N. Forsythe):** IDEM has received the formal report on the summer indoor vapor intrusion sampling. That report will be uploaded to IDEM's virtual filing cabinet (VFC). The formal report found no detections of compounds of concern within the indoor air samples or in the ambient air. A few detections were found in the building's subslab. Three sample events have been conducted: two by the consultant of the former owner, and one by the consultant of current owner. All three samples found no detections of compounds of concern within the building.

**Former Arvin Site:** IDEM reviewed the investigation report and issued a comment letter on Sept. 10, 2020. IDEM also requested additional sampling related to some naphthalene on the western part of the property, as well as a sample of the sewer affluent from the facility. While

IDEM has determined that there is no contamination traveling along the backfill, the agency wants to confirm what is being discharged at the site into the sewer.

### **Question & Answer**

With no questions asked of EPA or IDEM representatives, the stakeholders meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. CDT/5:25 p.m. EDT. The next Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Meeting Call will be Monday, October 26, 2020, at 4:00 CDT/5:00 p.m. EDT. An invitation will be sent to all stakeholders.

### **September 28, 2020, Meeting Participants:**

**EPA:** Ed Nam, Joe Cisneros, Carolyn Bury, Tammy Moore, Scott Ireland, Phillipa Cannon, Kirstin Safakas, Bhooma Sundar, Gillian Asque, Francisco Arcaute, Ben Weiss.

**IDEM:** Kevin Davis

**Local/State Stakeholders:** Kari Rhinehart and Stacie Davidson (If It Was Your Child), Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, Betsy Swearington (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