

SUMMARY REPORT

Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Monthly Call

Monday, April 6, 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). Following a review of the agenda and meeting process, Pam turned the meeting over to EPA Region 5 LCRD Director Ed Nam and Corrective Action Project Manager Carolyn Bury for a project status update.

EPA Update

Ed Nam told the group that due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the EPA is taking the necessary steps at the Amphenol Franklin site and elsewhere to make sure that decisions about ongoing clean ups are made with the health and safety of the communities in mind. He added that decisions about continuing onsite activities are being made on a case-by-case, site-by-site basis, working with local, state, and tribal partners to evaluate options and whether to continue site work – especially in areas where local COVID-19 health declarations are in effect.

The onsite soil sampling scheduled to begin on March 23 was postponed because the equipment needed for this first phase of sampling included specialized equipment that would have come from Washington State. In keeping with the Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's order to stop all non-essential work, the sampling was temporarily suspended. Ed said that work will resume as soon as possible.

As previously reported, additional vapor sources contributing to the higher levels of VOCs in the sewer laterals – the pipes connecting residential indoor plumbing systems to the sanitary sewers – were identified between January and March. Work has been completed on the ground water treatment system that was presumed to be the source of the VOCs in the laterals. Because the indoor air in homes was not impacted, the resampling of sewer laterals also will be postponed to avoid interaction between Amphenol contractors and homeowners. EPA reported that one homeowner had a loose toilet ring which had been fixed before the state's shelter-in-place order was issued. That resident's home now is sealed from the sewer lateral.

Carolyn Bury added that vapor samples taken on site in the manholes and clean outs of the sanitary sewer where the groundwater treatment system releases clean water, are just about at or below residential levels, since the modification were made .

Amphenol will continue twice per month inspections and maintenance of the groundwater treatment system located at the former Amphenol site. That work does not require interaction with neighborhood residents since the system is in a field at the former facility and just one person is needed to do inspections.

The repaving of roads and the grass replacement on right of ways is currently scheduled for late April, early May, or as soon as is feasible under the COVID-19 guidelines.

Participants were informed that new information has been posted to the EPA Region 5 Amphenol/Franklin Power Products website, <https://www.epa.gov/in/amphenolfranklin-power-products-franklin-ind>.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Update

Kevin Davis, IDEM Technical Environmental Specialist, provided updates on the Former Franklin Power Products (400 N. Forsythe), former Hougland Tomato Cannery, and former Arvin Industries sites. At 400 N. Forsythe, the results of the confirmatory vapor sampling conducted the week of March 15 are due at the end of the April. Results of sampling conducted at the Arvin site also are expected at the end of April.

At the Hougland site, an air treatment system was installed in the office of Crossroads Recycling on April 1, 2020. Confirmation vapor mitigation sampling was conducted on April 2, 2020, and will be conducted on varying intervals through approximately October 2020. A summary of all indoor air investigations sampling for Crossroads Recycling and the gymnastic center is expected by the end of April. Kevin said that vapor sampling reports from the second of three proposed rounds of sampling are in the IDEM Virtual File Cabinet under numbers 82941550 and 82941555. The next round of sampling will be collected the week of April 5. In addition, consultants continue to work on the groundwater delineation and remediation work plans, and IDEM is awaiting an additional investigation plan at the Crossroads Recycling site. Kevin said there have been no COVID-19 related scheduling problems to date.

Information will be posted to the IDEM website <https://www.in.gov/idem/cleanups/2417.htm>

Questions & Responses

Kari Rinehart, If It Were Your Child, asked if IDEM had any additional sampling going on in the gymnasium building or any of the other buildings besides the Crossroads Recycling site. Kevin Davis responded that the Crossroads site has been sampled and is continuing to be sampled and that the gymnasium center has one additional scheduled sampling that will occur the week of April 12. He said the results of the first two rounds of testing are in the virtual file cabinet (82941550 and 82941555). Additional buildings on the Hougland property were screened early in the investigation and no vapor intrusion issues were identified.

Kari Rinehart also asked if there were any updates on “bioremediation” pilot testing on the contaminated groundwater. Carolyn Bury offered a clarification that the pilot remediation project was not bioremediation, but actually involved chemical, rather than microbial, reactions to break down the chlorinated solvent molecules in the groundwater. She said there will be a total of six sampling rounds. The first was in November and the last will be this month (April). She added that the EPA is reviewing the data trend analysis and that the results look promising. If the results are positive (contamination levels in ground water decreased to acceptable levels), the next step will be for EPA to request that Amphenol provide a large-scale plan to treat groundwater onsite and offsite. Carolyn added that the web page will have a summary of the pilot study results and the raw data collected from the 6 months of sampling.

Future meetings will be scheduled on either the second or fourth Mondays of the month to accommodate the Franklin City Council meetings. The next stakeholder call will be on Monday, May 11. The stakeholder meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. CDT/5:30 p.m. EDT.

April 6 Meeting Attendees:

EPA: Ed Nam, Carolyn Bury, Joe Cisneros, Tammy Moore, Bhooma Sundar, Phillipa Cannon, Kirstin Safakis, Gillian Asque

ATSDR: Dr. Motria Caudill

IDEM: Kevin Davis

Local/State Stakeholders: Kari Rinehart and Stacie Davidson (If It Was Your Child), Patty Meade, Casey McFall (EnviroForensics), Kim Livorno, Terry Seitz and Steve Carter (U.S. Senator Mike Braun's Office.)

AveryMassey: Pam Avery, Facilitator