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Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Monthly Call Summary Report

January 10, 2022, 4:00 p.m. CST/5:00 p.m. EST

Facilitator Pam Avery opened the meeting with a welcome and roll call of participants (names of participants below) and then turned the meeting over to Chris Black, EPA Region 5 Corrective Action Project Manager, to provide the EPA site updates.

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

Chris Black provided a summary of what has transpired since the November 22, 2021, stakeholders call. He said that EPA continues to do a review of the Second Supplemental Corrective Measure Study (SSCMS) that addresses onsite and offsite impacts and the remedy Amphenol consultant IWM is proposing in their document.

On December 13, 2021, Chris Black and EPA Region 5 Physical Scientist Valerie Voisin had a productive meeting with IWM at their office in Indianapolis and were able to obtain clarification on several issues associated with the review. The following day, they and IWM consultants and Tim Johnson, of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), met in Franklin, Ind., to tour the Amphenol Franklin site and discuss the remedy proposals. They later met with City of Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett and Chief of Staff Tara Payne to discuss the basic history of the site, and review what EPA currently is doing and the path forward.

Regarding the Statement of Basis (SB), EPA is looking at a February to March 2022 release, with a 45-day comment period. The timeframe depends upon how long the SB takes to go through the internal EPA approval process and when the public notice can be finalized. Chris Black said that EPA wants to make sure the timing for the document completion is coordinated with the timing of the public notification process.

In addition, in mid-January 2022 IWM plans to do a few more borings just northwest of the site to finish up the planned soil and groundwater sampling conducted in August 2021. The current sites could not be accessed at that time. This activity will not hold back SSCMS document review or affect anything else.

EPA Questions, Comments and Responses

No questions were asked or comments made.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Updates:

Tim Johnson, Senior Environmental Manager, provided updates on:

Former Hougland Cannery Site:

Eastern portion (Hurricane Industrial Development): The onsite injections and PlumeStop treatments have been completed, and injections are planned for the farm field east of Hurricane Development later in January. This process is on schedule and going well.

Pilot testing for the permanent remediation system at the Recycling Facility will also occur later in January, if it hasn't happened already. This testing will be used to come up with a remedial work plan for the permanent remediation system at the Recycling Facility.

Western portion (Reed Manufacturing): Monitoring continues, including an event in December. While IDEM has not reviewed the December monitoring results, the consultant reported that they already are seeing breakdown products in some of their wells that are a result of the injections that occurred on the Hurricane Industrial Development property. This is good news, said Tim Johnson, and IDEM anticipates that monitoring results from both of these sites will show lower contamination numbers.

Former Arvin Site:

IDEM has drafted the No Further Action letter that will be sent to the property owner once the cost recovery is completed and confirmed.

IDEM Questions, Comments and Responses

City of Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett said that it sounds like a lot of progress is being made at the Hougland site and that he appreciates the work being done.

Tim Johnson thanked Mayor Barnett and said IDEM is excited about the reports of product breakdown now that the project is in the remedial stage. "I'm very happy."

With no further questions or comments, the stakeholders meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. CST/5:15 p.m. EST. A summary report of the January, 2022, Stakeholders Meeting will be emailed to all participants. The next Amphenol Franklin Stakeholders Call will be **4:00 p.m.** CST/5:00 p.m. EST on Monday February 14, 2022. A meeting invitation and an agenda will be sent to stakeholders prior to the call.

January 10, 2022, Meeting Participants:

EPA: Ed Nam (arrived after roll call), Shilpa Patel, Chris Black, Kirstin Safakas, Phillippa Cannon, Bhooma Sundar, Valerie Voisin, Gillian Asque

IDEM: Tim Johnson, Kevin Davis, Ryan Clem

Local/State Stakeholders: Mayor Steve Barnett and Tara Payne (City of Franklin); Betsy Swearingen (Johnson County Health Department); Casey McFall and Samantha Henderson (EnviroForensics); Terry Seitz and Steve Carter (U.S. Senator Mike Braun's Office) **AveryMassey**: Pam Avery, Facilitator, Rachel Massey, note taker