

## **Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Monthly Call Summary Report**

June 27, 2022, 4:00 p.m. CDT/5:00 p.m. EDT

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 Ed Nam, EPA Region 5 Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division (LCRD) Director, who thanked participants for attending the on-site open house and public meeting in Franklin, Ind., on June 9. He said EPA is pleased to announce that the agency is receiving a number of comments on the site's Statement of Basis. He 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** said that the June 9 public meeting went well from EPA's perspective. There was good attendance and EPA staff fielded several questions during the availability session. He said EPA received one formal comment at the June 9 meeting and that staff responded to a few clarifying questions. He said that EPA is open to receiving as many comments as possible through the comment period, which was scheduled to end on June 30, 2022. He added that the presentation made during the meeting as well as supporting documents are available on the EPA Region 5 Amphenol Franklin Power Products website <https://www.epa.gov/in/amphenolfranklin-power-products-franklin-ind>.

The next steps include aggregating the comments once the public comment period closes and preparing a report, which usually takes a few months to complete. Chris noted that several news media outlets, including ABC WRTV, and Indiana Public Radio, covered the meeting. He turned the meeting over to EPA Region 5 Community Involvement Coordinator Kirstin Safakas to provide additional information about the comments received.

**CIC Kirstin Safakas** reported that as of June 27, 2022, EPA had received 56 comments. She said the majority were received via email or via the online web form on the site's webpage. She also received a couple of voice mails, and will be going into the EPA offices after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday to retrieve comments sent by mail.

### **EPA Questions, Comments and Responses:**

**Shannon Lisa**, consultant to If It Was Your Child (IIWYC), responded that she would be putting a formal letter requesting a comment period extension in the mail the following day and that she will expect a formal response once EPA receives the request. She reiterated what she said during a previous stakeholders' meeting that the extension is needed so that stakeholders have enough time for a meaningful review of the materials presented by EPA, and especially the lengthier technical information. She asked if EPA had discussed extending the comment period.

Kirstin Safakas responded that EPA has not had that discussion because the agency has not been formally requested to do so. She mentioned that she has worked on other projects where the comment period had been extended for 45 to 75 days. She said that she did not think that EPA

would be adverse to a comment period extension, but that the agency needs a formal request to proceed.

Shannon Lisa replied that she would be send the formal request via postal mail and also email within the next few days and thanked EPA for considering an extension to the comment period. (NOTE: Shannon Lisa sent an email to Kirstin Safakas requesting an extension to the comment period on June 29, 2022. A 30-day extension was approved by EPA on June 30, 2022. The comment period is now extended through July 31, 2022.)

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

Tim Johnson, IDEM Senior Environmental Manager, provided the following reports:

#### Former Hougland Cannery Site:

##### **Eastern portion (Hurricane Industrial Development)**

Everything is going as planned with the monitoring stage of the project. The pilot testing for the permanent remedial system at the Recycling Center has been conducted, but the report had not yet been sent in. That testing included an indoor air and sub-slab monitoring event. Tim Johnson said the project consultant reported that the numbers from the monitoring event were “very good” and that IDEM should “expect to see non-detects,” which means the system as it stands is working well. The next onsite monitoring event is planned for August 2022.

As reported previously, the offsite monitoring events are being planned around the planting season for the farm on the east side of the facility.

##### **Western portion (Reed Manufacturing)**

Monitoring is continuing with the latest event occurring on June 22. No data is available on that event yet, but should be forthcoming. The next monitoring event is scheduled to coincide with the Eastern portion the monitoring, hopefully the same day or two in August.

#### Former Arvin Site:

The No Further Action (NFA) letter was issued on May 25, 2022.

With no further questions asked of either IDEM or EPA, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. CDT/5:20 p.m. EDT. A summary report of the June 27, 2022, Stakeholders Meeting will be emailed to all participants. The next monthly Amphenol Franklin Stakeholders Meeting will be **4:00 p.m. CDT/5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday July 25, 2022**. A meeting invitation and an agenda will be sent to stakeholders prior to the call.

**June 27, 2022, Meeting Participants:**

**EPA:** Ed Nam, Chris Black, Joe Cisneros, Shilpa Patel, Kirstin Safakas, Phillippa Cannon, Bhooma Sundar, Gillian Asque, Tarryn Gardner (intern)

**IDEM:** Tim Johnson

**Local/State Stakeholders:** Tara Payne (City of Franklin); Betsy Swearingen (Johnson County Health Department), Kari Rhinehart (IIWYC), Shannon Lisa (consultant to IIWYC), Casey McFall and Samantha Henderson (EnviroForensics); Terry Seitz (US Senator Mike Braun's Office)

**AveryMassey:** Pam Avery, Facilitator; Rachel Massey, note taker