

Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Monthly Call Summary Report

May 17, 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 Chris Black, EPA Region 5 Corrective Action Project Manager, to provide the EPA site updates.

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

Chris Black reported that the Statement of Basis (SB) was expected to be released for public notice the next day (Wednesday, May 18). He turned the meeting over to EPA Region 5 Community Involvement Coordinator Kirstin Safakas to discuss other documents that will be released as well as the public involvement and outreach process.

Kirstin Safakas told stakeholders that once the SB is published and posted on the Amphenol Franklin Site website, the public comment period officially will begin. The 45-day process is expected to run until July 1, 2022. She said that a 20-minute virtual presentation that reviews the entire SB will be posted to website just as soon as the SB is released, <https://www.youtube.com/embed/4WCRbMNBkSA>. (NOTE: the SB, presentation and supporting documents were posted to the website on May 18.) A link to a public comment web form that can be filled out directly on the website after viewing the presentation will be included on the site. The web form comments will be sent directly to Kirstin Safakas's email address and be included in the public record. In addition, a printed fact sheet will be distributed to approximately 2,500 residential properties surrounding the footprint of the site. She asked Pam Avery to distribute the mailer to stakeholder meeting participants once it is available. (The fact sheet and other SB information was sent to stakeholders on May 18.)

On June 9 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. EDT EPA will host an in-person public meeting – the first since 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic – at the Franklin City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, Franklin, Ind. The first hour will be an open house followed by the formal presentation and public comment session starting at 7 p.m. Comments made at the formal public meeting will be recorded by a court reporter and be included in the formal public record for the site. The public meeting will be publicized on the site's website, fact sheet mailer, and via local newspaper advertisements. Kirstin said she and others at EPA are excited to be able to meet in person with members of the Franklin community.

Chris Black added that there is a great deal of information in the presentation and other materials that will be posted to the website. He welcomed comments after stakeholders have had a chance to review the presentation and at the June 9 public meeting.

EPA Questions, Comments and Responses:

Shannon Lisa, consultant to If It Was Your Child (IIWYC), thanked EPA for the updates and for getting the SB done and added that she was pleased about the in-person public meeting. She said she will still likely send in a formal request for a comment period extension, so that community members have more time to process the detailed site information before

commenting. She asked if EPA would be posting the SB and other materials at the top of the webpage, rather than at the bottom in the documents link. Kirstin Safakas said that all of the materials including the video presentation would be at the top of the site.

Shannon Lisa responded that this was “excellent,” and asked if anyone at EPA knew whether the health consultation being conducted by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) had been completed and, if so, would there be a report. She said it would be quite valuable to see ATSDR’s risk assessment as part of SB review. She also asked if ATSDR had been asked to have a role in providing recommendations on the site’s remediation plan.

Chris Black responded that in his last email exchange with Dr. Motria Caudill, who was not on the stakeholders’ call, she indicated that the document would not be ready until later this year. He added that Dr. Caudill would have only tangential input on the remediation documents.

Shannon Lisa thanked Chris and said that she would reach out to Dr. Caudill directly.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Updates:

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

Former Houglan Cannery Site:

Eastern portion (Hurricane Industrial Development)

Things are moving well at the site. The off-site remedial injections were completed in late April, as planned. As of a few days ago, the owner of the farm field east of the site began prepping the field for planting. As per the terms of the agreement with IDEM, the first post-remediation off-site monitoring on this property will occur in October 2022 after harvest.

The pilot testing of the permanent remediation system at the Crossroads Recycling Center will occur in early June.

Western portion (Reed Manufacturing)

The remedial action effectiveness monitoring is continuing with the next scheduled monitoring event occurring in June. The Reed consultant reports that they are pleased with results that show a significant uptick in the breakdown products. This indicates that the PCE and TCE are breaking down as planned and that remediation is working.

Former Arvin Site:

The No Further Action (NFA) letter is awaiting a signature and should go out shortly.

IDEM Questions, Comments and Responses

Shannon Lisa, consultant to IIWYC, thanked Tim Johnson for the update and said she had a somewhat unrelated question. She asked if either IDEM or EPA was coordinating a response to the vapor intrusion testing request that was sent by Betsy Swearingen of the Johnson County Health Department. She added that if this was not under either agency's jurisdiction that she would be willing to connect the homeowner to testing.

Tim Johnson said that he was aware of the email but that the request was outside of the area related to the Hoagland or Amphenol facilities. He said he turned the information over to the Indiana Department of Health and the cancer inquiry group so that they could address the request.

Shannon Lisa asked if IDEM could provide the name of the street that the inquiry came from and was told that the information was not readily available. She said she would follow up with Betsy Swearingen directly.

Other Comments

Terry Seitz, of US Senator Mike Braun's Office, thanked EPA for the expected update and the move from a virtual to live meeting in Franklin, Ind., in June.

With no additional questions or comments for IDEM or EPA the stakeholders meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. CDT/5:30p.m. EDT. A summary report of the May 17, 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 June 27, 2022**. A meeting invitation and an agenda will be sent to stakeholders prior to the call.

May 17, 2022, Meeting Participants:

EPA: Ed Nam, Chris Black, Shilpa Patel, Kirstin Safakas, Phillippa Cannon, Scott Ireland, Valerie Voisin and Gillian Asque

IDEM: Tim Johnson, Kevin Davis

Local/State Stakeholders: Mayor Steve Barnett and Tara Payne (City of Franklin); Patty Meade, Shannon Lisa (consultant to If It Was Your Child), Casey McFall and Samantha Henderson (EnviroForensics); Terry Seitz (US Senator Mike Braun's Office)

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