

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

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April 21, 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 welcomed the group and said he had no high level updates. He then turned 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 Second Supplemental Corrective Measure Study (SSCMS) had been submitted and in March was posted on the EPA Region 5 Amphenol Franklin Power Products website <https://www.epa.gov/in/amphenolfranklin-power-products-franklin-ind> along with the letter stating that EPA had completed the recommended study.

The Statement of Basis (SB) is going through EPA's e-signature system and was currently being reviewed by the Office of Regional Counsel. EPA anticipates that the review process will be completed by May 5, 2022. In parallel with the review process, EPA also is developing a virtual PPT and video presentation that will be linked to the Amphenol Franklin Power Products website and be available via YouTube. The public comment period is expected to be from May 14-June 30, 2022. In addition to posting the virtual presentation, EPA will conduct a virtual public meeting during that time period.

**EPA Questions, Comments and Responses**

**Shannon Lisa**, consultant to If It Was Your Child (IIWYC), asked regarding the public meeting if there will be a live Q&A session.

**Chris Black**, responded yes. EPA Region 5 Community Involvement Coordinator **Kirstin Safakas** added that EPA is recording and posting the virtual presentation so that stakeholders can watch the presentation multiple times. She said this will be followed by a live virtual public meeting with a Q&A session that will occur on either Thursday June 2 or June 9, 2022. She added that once a date is set, the information will be posted on the website and to the Listserv and distributed through other information channels.

**Shannon** said this was good to know, but that conducting the public meeting on June 9 would be "cutting it close" in terms of the public comment period. She asked if there was any way that the interactive meeting could be prioritized and conducted as soon as the SB is released.

**Kirstin** responded that the video presentation will have a wealth of information and that if the meeting is conducted on June 2 there will be nearly a month for stakeholders to submit comments.

**Shannon** said she understands that the pandemic, EPA staff changes, and the need to redact homeowner information was responsible for the delays in submitting the SB, but that the community now needs time to go over all the information. She added that the best way to do that is through a Q&A session. If this can't be scheduled earlier than June, she asked if EPA would consider extending the public comment period.

**Kirstin** said she understands Shannon Lisa's perspective and that EPA will plan to schedule the public meeting on June 2. She also said that EPA has had projects where the public comment period was extended and will have an internal discussion about that. **Shannon** thanked EPA for "hearing her out."

**Chris Black** remarked that the Statement of Basis is based on the Administrative Record, a large portion of which—including the SSCMS—has been posted to the Amphenol Franklin website. He said the site has a lot of good information.

**Shannon** said she was glad that the SSCMS was posted to the website but that EPA needs to make sure that the community knows that the information is there. She reiterated that having the public meeting with Q&A early in the comment period is very important.

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

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

Former Houglan Cannery Site: Everything is going well at the former tomato cannery site.

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

The first quarter post-remediation on-Site groundwater monitoring event was conducted in March 2022. Preliminary results for the sampling are expected soon. The off-Site remedial injections will be completed Monday April 25, and the Remediation Implementation Report is expected in June 2022. As part of the access agreement signed in late-March with the property owner, the monitoring events will not interfere with field planting and crop harvesting. This means three rounds of annual monitoring rather than four (quarterly). The first round of remedial monitoring will take place in October or later in the fourth quarter of 2022.

As mentioned in the March 28 Amphenol Franklin Stakeholders Meeting report, pilot testing for the permanent remedial system at the Recycling Center is slated to begin on May 9, 2022.

#### Former Arvin Site:

The No Further Action (NFA) letter for the Arvin Site is in process.

### **IDEM Questions, Comments and Responses**

With no questions or comments for IDEM the stakeholders meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. CDT/5:25 p.m. EDT. A summary report of the April 21, 2022, Stakeholders Meeting will be emailed to all participants. The next Amphenol Franklin Stakeholders Meeting will be **4:00 p.m.**

**CDT/5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday May 23, 2022.** A meeting invitation and an agenda will be sent to stakeholders prior to the call.

**April 21, 2022, Meeting Participants:**

**EPA:** Ed Nam, Chris Black, Shilpa Patel, Joe Cisneros, Kirstin Safakas, Phillippa Cannon, Bhooma Sundar, Valerie Voisin and Gillian Asque

**ATSDR:** Dr. Motria Caudil

**IDEM:** Tim Johnson, Kevin Davis

**Local/State Stakeholders:** Mayor Steve Barnett and Tara Payne (City of Franklin); Betsy Swearingen (Johnson County Health Department); 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