

Amphenol/Franklin Site Stakeholders Monthly Call Summary Report

September 26, 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 participants before calling on Chris Black, EPA Region 5 Corrective Action Project Manager, to provide the EPA updates.

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

Chris Black told the group that the Statement of Basis comment period ended on July 31, 2022, and that EPA received 69 comments from individual residents and another set of multiple questions from four different entities. He said the comments would be reviewed and factored into the final components of the remedy. In terms of general topics, comments addressed how EPA would communicate the effectiveness of the remedy as it will eventually be implemented; how EPA will track and monitor the effectiveness of the remedy; urging EPA to stay and finish what it started and get going on the remedy; and urging EPA to be careful in implementing the remedy and to “take your time” and do it effectively.

Chris added that one individual asked if PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) were present on the site. EPA will look at the issue and determine if it is possible that chemicals were used at the site or if a relevant pathway of exposure even exists. He said that there doesn't appear to be an exposure pathway, but that EPA will look into the issue.

In terms of timing of the Final Decision, EPA continues to draft the document, which will then go through the agency's legal and management reviews. The EPA currently anticipates that the Final Decision document will be issued in late October 2022. Parallel to this activity, a Corrective Measures Implementation order will be initiated and negotiated with Amphenol.

After the decision is issued, EPA will request that Amphenol provide a more detailed Corrective Measures Implementation Work Plan within a 60- to 90-day timeframe, with the remedy being implemented in the field in the spring of 2023.

EPA Questions, Comments and Responses

No questions were asked of EPA.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Updates

Tim Johnson, IDEM Senior Environmental Manager, told the group that IDEM is in the monitoring phase at both the Hurricane Industrial Development properties (Eastern Portion) and the Reed Manufacturing site (Western Portion). On September 13, 2022, IDEM received a second quarter monitoring report from the Hurricane Industrial Development site. That report will be uploaded to the virtual filing cabinet (VFC).

Hurricane Industrial Development and Reed Manufacturing consultants conducted third quarter monitoring on both sites August 8-11, 2022. The consultants indicated that they would work together to do the October monitoring at the same time on both sites. Monitoring events also will be conducted on the offsite farm field once crops are harvested in October.

Tim said that, overall, the monitoring results show breakdown products in all the wells onsite. This indicates that the injections and the remediation are working as planned. IDEM will continue to monitor the site.

IDEM Questions, Comments and Responses

Chris Black said that it “bodes well” that IDEM’s injections have been successful in that the injections are a primary component of EPA’s proposed remedies. He added that EPA is taking a look at the IDEM data to understand how effective EPA’s remedies will be.

With no further questions asked of either IDEM or EPA, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. CDT/5:15 p.m. EDT. A summary report of the September 26, 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 Tuesday, November 1, 2022**. A meeting invitation and an agenda will be sent to stakeholders prior to the next meeting.

September 26, 2022, Meeting Participants:

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

ATSDR: Dr. Motria Caudill

IDEM: Tim Johnson and Kevin Davis

Local/State Stakeholders: Kari Rhinehart (If It Was Your Child); Mayor Steve Barnett (City of Franklin); Betsy Swearingen (Johnson County Health Department); Casey McFall and Samantha Henderson (EnviroForensics)

AveryMassey: Pam Avery, Facilitator, and Rachel Massey, note taker.