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Tonawanda Community Working Group (TCWG)
Tonawanda Coke Remediation and Redevelopment

MINUTES

- I. **WELCOME** – James Hartz - March 23rd at 10:00 a.m.
(Via Zoom Conference Call)

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

James Hartz
Bridge Rauch
David Stinner
Earl Wells
Carl Szarek
Matt Sutton
Matt Chimera
Chris Murwaski
Paul Nyznyk
Jen Pusatier
Bonnie Lawrence
Ken Swanekamp
Randy Pekarski
Greg Stevens
Niagara River

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

John Black
Tracy Black
John Hood
John Morohan
Brian Gould
Ben McPherson
Rich Galloway
Victoria Steitfeld
Paul Morrow
Angela Martin
Victoria Streitfeld
Gene Melnyk
Ray Vaughn
Dani VanMarter
Bonnie Leto
TJ Pignataro
Andrea Caprio
Michelle Rickan

II. Minutes approval

III. Owner/Developer Updates - John Black – Update

1. Storm water Management- IRM work plan has been approved. Town of Tonawanda Pretreatment gave review & approval.
2. Water Treatment area is all cleaned out & decontaminated, and will go through 3 sets of tests to collect water and test it.
3. Boiler house, generator and other equipment have been demolished and managed on and off site.
4. Lime Still has been decontaminated, disassembled and shipped off site.
5. Battery is next demolition project- had to remove all gas piping, including sampling. Battery is classified as controlled demolition and done under protocol.
6. Overhead pipes along Broadway- pipes were taken down and inspected.
7. Former light oil building- controlled demolition.
8. Above ground storage tank programs – tanks being prepped for disposal.
9. Supply Chain issues with transportation and disposal issues. 166 tons shipped out in February, over 21 million pounds removed from the site.
10. RI draft report has been submitted to DEC & DOH for completeness review.

IV. DEC – Ben McPherson

1. Updated table for Brownfield and Superfund Sites
2. Ground water treatment IRM- proposed some modifications and requested some additional monitoring points of some trenches. Review of RI report draft conclusions-not yet reviewed by DEC.

Question: Jill Jedlicka- has there been testing offsite to support the impacts to shallow groundwater contained on property and that they do not flow off site.

Response: Ben – As part of the Brownfield there has not been any direct off Site investigation. Presumption is that it is based on perimeter monitoring and groundwater flow direction. This will be verified.

3. Review & Update of Superfund for site 108, 109 and 110.

V. Questions: Jill Jedlick – questions on site 108 about the data gaps. Looking at the River sediment impact and how far that extends off site, not just land side.

Response: Ben- A conclusion in the report is that further investigation is needed to fully define the extent of certain areas of impact. DEC & DOH will discuss concerns with Honeywell.

Question: Tom Morahan- Is Parsons done with sampling the River for the Superfund Sites?

Response: Yes, this is in the RI Report.

Question: BCP Parcel- Were more wells and deeper wells installed b/c of the contaminants that were detected in the groundwater & are contaminants in shallower zones moving towards river.

Response: Ben- Conclusions in report will be reviewed by DEC in context of all data.

Response: John- No evidence that steel piles were driven at this property and those that were driven were only under the battery & did not reach bedrock. We collected a series of 4 different levels along the down gradient end of the BCP site. Don't believe anything is migrating from that property.

Ben: there was a specific investigation done for Northern Pipeline corridor & report available online. Not any evidence of migration in shallow groundwater zone around pipes that left site.

Question: Bridge- Is it possible to arrange a spring hard hat tour of site.

Response: John- Yes I will work with the owner to get it set up subject to the same protocols as before.

VI. Comments from Town

Paul Morrow- Town has gone through the design thoroughly, both with pretreatment consultant as well as a professional Engineer consultant and the Town is satisfied with the design & believe what is proposed will work. It will be monitored once it gets going to confirm no carbon breakthrough.

VII. Next Meeting date Wednesday April 27th at 10am via Zoom