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

**MINUTES**

I. **WELCOME** – James Hartz - June 29th at 10:00 a.m.  
(Via Zoom Conference Call)

II. **Attendees-**

**MEMBERS**

James Hartz  
Bridge Rauch  
Jenn Pusatier  
Paul Nyznyk  
Cathy Piciulo  
Matt Sutton  
Bonnie Lawrence  
Ken Swanekamp  
Joseph Emminger

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

John Black  
Ben McPherson  
John Hood  
Angela Martin  
Brian Gould  
Bonnie Leto  
Rich Galloway  
Todd Pignataro  
Andrea Caprio  
Michelle Rickan  
H` Dan Flanigan

### III. Owner update-

John Black – June was a good month, trucking seems to be the limiting factor. OSC found a fifth hauler so now the capacity is 300 tons of waste each week.

#### ASBESTOS

1. Old exhaust tunnel (where battery used to be) – was opened and decontaminated. Material was removed and managed as asbestos.
2. Former Light oil building- roof was asbestos, floor was not safe so had to be taken down as a controlled demolition. Material had to go off site as asbestos containing material.
3. Green tanks – have asbestos coating and also asbestos piping in cool yard tunnel, and some floor tile in office is asbestos.

#### GROUND WATER SYSTEM

1. Up and running but the water in coal yard tunnel has ammonia in it. Water is being managed and treated.
2. Treatment system was completed and cleaned out. Is now starting to accumulated sediment which is the goal of the pond.

#### DEMOLITION

1. Pipe rack is down except for a small section.
2. Transfer station was taken down. The basement and tunnel were cleaned out and is dry.
3. Coke oven gas piping along Broadway – about 40% is down.
4. Towers have a work plan to be taken down.

#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT TANKS

Resources are going to cleaning out former tanks at southwest corner of property.

#### SOUTH RAIL IRM WAS COMPLETED

Area where 3 tank cars were, full rails and ties – were all cleaned out. Good preparation for final remedial action.

### IV. PROGRESS UPDATE DEC

Ben McPherson

1. June 9<sup>th</sup> – DEC and DOH issued comments on the remedial investigation report on the Brownfield Site. Current due date for response to comments is July 25<sup>th</sup>.
2. Tank removal- (ST24) when removed there was staining in sand underneath tank. A supplemental workplan was submitted and have collected samples.
3. Superfund site- Site 108 -Supplemental workplan was submitted on 5/27/2022.  
Site 109 & 110- wrapping up review of remedial investigation report.

**V.**     Question and Comments

Question - Bridge – Clean Air – Asked for review of dates for June 9<sup>th</sup> report and date for comments due of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Response - Ben- DEC issued comments on the report and gave developer until 7/25/22 to respond.

John Black – Hope to beat date of 7/25/22.

Question - Joe Emminger – Question on slide presentation of tank removal where sand was found to be stained. When will results of finding come in. And what is the procedure after you receive the findings.

Response - John Black – Data was collected on 16<sup>th</sup>, been getting around a 10 day turn around. Have not seen results yet. Once er receive findings we analyze the data and prepare a workplan for next step. This goes to DEC and DOH for review. When finalized it goes on the website and into the document repository.

**VI.**     Next meeting date of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 10am zoom.