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

**MINUTES**

- I. **WELCOME** – James Hartz - January 26th at 10:00 a.m.  
(Via Zoom Conference Call)

**ATTENDEES**

**MEMBERS**

James Hartz  
Emily Terrana  
David Stinner  
Jay Farquharson  
Carl Szarek  
Matt Sutton  
Matt Chimera  
Chris Murwaski  
James Hartz  
Jen Pusatier  
Bonnie Lawrence  
Ken Swanekamp

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

John Black  
Tom Morahan  
John Hood  
Earl Wells  
Brian Gould  
Ben McPherson  
Rich Galloway  
Chad Staniszewski  
Paul Morrow  
Angela Martin  
Victoria Streitfeld  
Gene Melnyk  
Andrea Caprio  
Serena Labrecque  
Bonnie Leto  
TJ Pignataro  
Michelle Rickan

**II. Owner/Developer Updates - John Black – Update**

1. Boiler House is down. Removal of last residual requires water and warm weather.
2. Waste water treatment tanks are ready to be emptied.
3. Storm Water management-end of bench scale testing, doing final samples to get data in a form suitable for review. Getting the maintenance shop ready.  
Testing is a full scale test for the long term management of groundwater at the site.
4. Large storage tanks are prepped and ready to be emptied and decontaminated.
5. Batteries have a few steps before taking down. Managed as coke oven gas lines and follow protocol. Then will be taken down in a controlled demolition to control dust.
6. Since December have shipped over 750 tons of material off site. Now over 20 million pounds since acquisition. About 90 tons of hazardous waste.
7. Remedial Investigation - all samples have been reviewed and verified by data validator. The report is in review and will go to DEC hopefully in March.

Question: David Stinner- Do you know how many months are left in the clean up until redevelopment can happen?

Response: John Black – After the RIR in March, then April will be the alternatives analysis. Review and approval will drive the schedule along with public comments. So hopefully 18 months.

Question: Tom Morahan- Question on the groundwater for potential migration to lower levels. Would there be additional deeper wells, and is there more data needed?

Response: John Black- The A zone is target of IRM. Focus is on controlling flow in vicinity of box culvert. We did put in more wells than were in RI work plan. Need all data in order to see the whole context.

**III. DEC – Ben McPherson**

1. Updated table for Brownfield and Superfund Sites
2. Lime Still Demolition progress slides-before and after views of boiler house.
3. Superfund Sites
4. Summarized conclusions of draft reports

**IV. Questions:**

Jim Jones- What is the disposition of the building foundation-will they be taken down two feet below final grade?

Response: Ben- Don't know at this point, depends on condition and location.

Jim Jones- Since Site 108 it extends into National Grid transmission corridor where wetlands are, does remediation take place in these regions?

Response: Ben- Not sure if planned at this time but we would if there was significant contamination.

Jim Jones- Are PFAS being included in sampling plans?

Response: Ben- Yes they were sampled on all operable units and the Brownfield.

Chris Murawski- Timeline of public involvement/comment of Superfund Sites, And would they be combined or separate.

Response: Ben - Site 110 & 109 Investigation reports should be coming in February, since Remedial Investigation reports there won't be a comment period on this report. Not sure if each site would have their own public meeting or combined.

Question: Paul Morrow—Was rattle snake creek sampled for radioactive material?

Response: Yes, There was a health physicist on site during test pitting when samples were collected. We have not reviewed results yet.

**v. Next Meeting date Wednesday March 23rd at 10am via Zoom**