

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

MINUTES

- I. WELCOME - James Hartz - Meeting June 30th at 10:00 a.m.
(Via Zoom Conference Call)**

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Paul Nyznyk
Emily Terrana
David Stinner
Jay Farquarson
Joe Emminger
Jenn Pusatier
Chris Murwaski
Cathy Piciulo
James Hartz
Collin deGuehery
Carl Szarek

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

John Black
John Hood
Todd Pignataro
John Williams
Rich Galloway
Bonnie Lawrence
Victoria Streitfeld
Earl Wells
Todd Pignataro
Ben McPherson
Chad Stanisewski
Thomas Morahan
William Russo
Paul Morrow
John Morris
Angela Martin
Charlotte Bethoney
Michelle Rickan
Brian Gould

- II. Minutes**
Motion: Dave Stinner
Second: Jay Farquarson
Ayes: All members
Result: Passed Unanimous

III. **Owner/Developer Updates**

John Black – Progress @ Site

1. Asbestos abatement nearing close-finished in River Rd. tunnel. Found a pipe that was also removed.
2. June 5th demolition was successful.
3. Coal breaker building- asbestos all removed-building was also brought down and material is being prepared for recycling. Stand Pipe also brought down.
4. Pending demolition- Coal Charging building up next, then Boiler House (after cleaning out). Next is the Rail Scale Building to be demolished.
5. Remedial Investigation work plan was completed- In data gap analysis found 8 data gaps so in the field doing additional soil borings, samples and test pits.
6. Mixing Pad-was considering hazardous waste-concrete has been cleaned.
7. Storm water Management – all were preexisting conditions-biggest task and constant effort- have been managed and eliminated - water has been pumped, treated and discharged. Then filled in cavity so it could not fill in anymore.

IV. **James Hartz – Questions on storm water management**

Question- Tom Morahan- question on data gaps. Was there another work plan written before data gap study was addressed? And did it include the # of wells and test pits? Would work plan been able to be shared and is it available.

Response – Ben McPherson-planned on talking about supplemental work plan. It can be accessed in the posted link.

V. **DEC – Ben McPherson**

1. Update to work plans and additions:

Supplemental Remedial Investigation – Data gaps were presented to DEC.

Supplemental work will include: additional bedrock wells, overburden wells, test trenches and site wide ground water sampling.

Remedial Investigation Report now changed to October 2021. Once report is fully reviewed there may be more investigation required if more data gaps are found.

2. Superfund Site:

- Site 108 – have access agreement, working through permitting process
- Site 109 – no update – once all wells are installed they will be sampled again
- Site 100 – did not need wetlands permit, already have access agreement-began additional test pits including addition pit to investigate tar seep that was found. Waiting to begin monitoring well installation.
- Site Characterization for former Outfall Ponds- test pit work was completed, waiting on analytics to come back.
- Drawings used to show pipes that were uncovered - surrounding soil and pipes found dry.

VI. Questions:

Emily – Can we review the draft report of the data gaps?

Response – Ben – Yes the draft RI report will be shared.

Emily – Does the Characterization at the Northern Outflow determine if will be part of a Superfund or Brownfield process. When is determination expected?

Response – Ben- Delayed due to repair of existing site wells. Might be late summer to early fall.

Tom Morahan – What is the enforcement mechanism for area Emily mentioned.

Response – Ben – The area is in an in between spot. Following a potential site process and site characterization to determine whether to move forward with a more detailed RI or to close it out. Data will assess the action to be taken.

Chris Murawski - Availability of presentation and power point to group.

Response – Ben – After presentation it is sent out to the invite group.

John Black – Have not in past but can post them to the website.

Jenn Pusatier – Review of Stack Demolition

John Black – Had extra air monitors, particulars settled down, 1 minute 45 seconds, it was on property, none left property, a little drifted on to landfill. Wind direction was exactly where we needed it. Data is posted and available.

Tom Morahan – Video from Fisherman’s Landing showed a large plume of particulate matter moving north going quite a bit further, but did not see anything from VIP area. When we get into remediation we will be looking when the time comes. It was concerning.

John Black – surprising to hear, we had 7 drones up, and 5 monitoring stations and did not see that.

Tom Morahan – There are some videos taken with phones if you can post that.

John Black – will look at videos.

VII. Next meeting date Wed. July28th 10am via Zoom.