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

**MINUTES**

- I. WELCOME – James Hartz - Meeting October 27th at 10:00 a.m.  
(Via Zoom Conference Call)**

**ATTENDEES**

**MEMBERS**

Michelle Lockett  
Emily Terrana  
David Stinner  
Jay Farquharson  
Carl Szarek  
Matt Sutton  
Matt Chimera  
Chris Murwaski  
James Hartz  
Ken Swanekamp  
Joe Emminger  
Tom Morahan

**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 Lawrence  
Bonnie Leto  
TJ Pignataro  
Michelle Rickan

**II. Minutes from August 25, 2021 and September 29, 2021**

Motion: Dave Stinner

Second: Emily Terrana

Ayes: All members - Both accepted into the records

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

1. Demolition- Coal Charging Building, last and biggest building. Other smaller buildings have come down and been tested and managed as waste.
2. Asbestos Removal- Above ground storage tank are coated with asbestos and require special care.
3. Coal Yard Tunnel – has been dewatered and is an ongoing effort because of leaks all over. Once safe to enter the asbestos will be removed.
4. Storm water Management- last month finished cleaning out residuals from the system and its back in service. Still working on getting ammonia down below the action level. Next step to identify potential for ammonia to come into the system. There is an IRM work plan in for review to do a full scale groundwater collection & treatment.
5. Coke oven gas pipe removal- IRM work plan has been approved. Detailed plan to come down in 10ft sections, inspected, emptied quenched & sampled in a very detailed process.
6. Tank work- Each tank takes a lot of effort to empty. Everything is tested & sampled before material goes off site. Water Treatment tanks are the largest. All samples submitted to lab but haven't gotten any data.
7. Remedial Investigation Report is driven by getting data from ground water data. Data will be validated & incorporated into draft report. The supplemental data will be used to revise the document.

**IV. DEC – Ben McPherson**

1. Presentation of Progress of Brownfield Site & IRM Work Plan Progress. COG Pipe plan Reviewed by DEC, DOH and NYS office of Fire Prevention Control
2. Lime Still IRM work plan update.
3. Ground Water Treatment System still reviewing work plan.
4. Superfund Site – All field work completed but issues with labs reporting data.

**V. Question: Emily – question from Tom Morahan – what was found in the wells and will more be drilled based off what was found? Will group be able to look at data before creation of alternative analysis plan?**

Response: Ben – have already drilled more wells than proposed in RI but chance more could be installed. When final data is available it will be the remedial investigation report and will be reviewed. Will not include any alternative analysis. DEC will publicly notice when there is a complete RI report available.

Question: Chris Murawski – How are workers kept safe from dust etcetera.  
Response: John Black- overall site is covered by health & safety analysis.  
Within each activity there is a job safety analysis- look at potential hazards,  
chemical hazards and also physical safety hazards, personal protection  
equipment requirement, air monitoring requirement for community and onsite to  
workers.

**VI. Next Meeting date Wednesday December 15th at 10am via Zoom**