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

MINUTES

- I. **WELCOME** - James Hartz - Meeting March 24th at 10:00 a.m.
(Via Zoom Conference Call)

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Paul Nyznyk
Emily Terrana
David Stinner
Jay Farquarson
Chris Murawski
Jenn Pusatier
Matt Chimera
Cathy Piciulo
James Hartz
Matt Sutton
Carl Szarek
Ken Swanekamp

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

II. Minutes

John Black: Correction - Item III. #7 should say SOME non-impacted buildings have come down, not to imply ALL

Motion: Dave Stinner

Second: Jenn Pusatier

Ayes: All members

Result: Passed Unanimous

III. Owner/Developer Updates

John Black – Progress @ Site

1. 21 approved IRM work plans & reports, 3 submitted to DEC for review
2. Received approval yesterday on demolition work plans, so that will be going out tomorrow to the repositories.
3. Remedial Investigation-data has been received & validated, now cross-referencing & translating to report format.
4. IRM's- Surface materials management- locomotives and piles of tires are gone, over 3.8 mil lbs of debris are off site, 350 tons of uncontaminated rail ties shipped & properly disposed of, rail ties still on site are considered contaminated & require different disposal criteria.
5. 1200 small containers of chemicals collected, packaged & shipped
6. 310 drums found, 152 characterized & shipped off site w/contents, 181 are left as investigation derived waste.
7. Only a few cleaning chemicals left.
8. IRM-Surface water drainage has a multiphase IRM. The lake that was on site is now gone, area has been revegetated. There is now a storm water control system in place that maintains control of all surface water from the coal yard.
9. Drum & tanks managed in sequence of priority. The rail car is included in this program.
10. Asbestos Abatement –stacks are asbestos free, in boiler house, finishing elevator shaft. Overhead pipe racks are asbestos free. Coal handling and coal breaker building –working on asbestos paneling being removed.
11. Demolition program-just got approval for impacted building that will now start.
12. Gas Ball- systematically deconstructed.
13. Coke handling Building-old rail yard-building was systematically taken down.

IV. DEC – Ben McPherson- Summary & IRM Status

1. Work plan table & Status/progress update-Majority of actions on site have been asbestos & building related.
2. Superfund progress - some progress between Honeywell & National Grid to get Access Agreement in place to complete remedial investigations on site 108 & 110. Data is still being compiled & evaluated.
3. Outfall Ponds – pictures of well and pipes- discharge end of flume was dry, no real signs of any flow out in recent history.
4. Mostly work plans & ongoing activity continuing same progress.

V. Open Discussion

Comment: Cathy Piciulo – Loved pictures of the progress, can visualize 10 years into future of a beautiful park and functioning data center. Great for a presentation to remember where the area came from.

Question: Jay Farqueson – Are tracks between Niagara Mohawk site and the plant being pulled up as well?

Response: John Black – The tracks south on the property are but not the tracks that are east off site, those are Niagara Mohawks.

Also we are keeping a monthly running update of pictures on the website to see the progress to keep a good record.

Question: Tom Morahan - What's the need for access agreement from National Grid if work is completed.

Ben McPherson: Access agreement is for a handful of locations on National Grid Property that are part of the Superfund sites and have not been completed.

Comment - James Hartz – Zoning law update – Hoping for a draft of zoning law amendment by the end of the year. There's an option in the future zoning law for planned unit development district which would allow for a mixed use proposal of large sites, (more than 20 acres) mainly focused on the River Road Corridor.

Question: Ken Swanekamp – Where the site is paved with coal & mud is the plan to keep removing it until you get down to some native soil.

Response: John Black – Still need to analyze the data and develop the remedial action objectives in order to know how to manage the site.

VI. Next meeting date Wed. April 28th 10am.