

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – March 25, 2020**

CPWG Member	Present	Excused	Absent
Marianne Zwicklbauer		X	
Emily Marpe	X		
Loreen Hackett	X		
Brian Keegan	X		
Barbara Lancour	X		
Catherine Dawson		X	
Eric Sheffer	X		
Mark Surdam		X	
Rob Allen	X		
Pat Dailey		X	
David Lukas		X	
Michael Hickey		X	
Facilitator			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group	X		
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
Presenters			
NYSDOH	X		
NYSDEC	X		

Note: The March 25, 2020 meeting of the CPWG was conducted via an online video/conference platform due to the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. It was made available to the public via press release to the media and emailed to contacts on the CPWG ListServ. Following the NYSDOH presentation, the platform failed due to server issues and the meeting was transferred to a conference call. For those in attendance who lost connection, meeting related materials may be found on the NYSDEC web site <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>.

Discussion Summary:

I. Welcome – The Paige Group

a. Facilitator – The Paige Group

- i. The Facilitator provided an overview of meeting format and agenda, and noted opportunities for comments from community members participating on the virtual meeting.

II. NYSDOH Update

Following are excerpts from NYSDOH’s presentation:

a. Multi-community study Community Advisory Panel (CAP)

- i. A CAP will be assembled for the Hoosick Falls area health study
- ii. NYSDOH is seeking representation from the CPWG and other Hoosick Falls community members to serve on the CAP. **Recommendations should be submitted to NYSDOH by the next CPWG meeting scheduled for 4/22/20.**

- 1. Any CPWG member interested in participating on the CAP should contact Dr. Betsy Lewis-Michl at: elizabeth.lewis-michl@health.ny.gov

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- iii. NYSDOH is seeking recommendations from the CPWG for other community participants
 - 1. Any CPWG member wishing to recommend an individual should contact Dr. Betsy Lewis-Michl at:
elizabeth.lewis-michl@health.ny.gov
- iv. A PFAS multi-site study webpage and Facebook page have been launched:
 - 1. Web: <https://www.albany.edu/sph/pfas>
 - 2. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NYSPFASHealthStudy/>
- b. NYSDOH also provided the following resources related to Coronavirus:
 - i. NYS Coronavirus hotline: 888-364-3065
 - ii. NYS Coronavirus emotional support hotline: 844-863-9314
 - iii. NYS Coronavirus website: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov>

III. NYSDEC Update

Following are excerpts from NYSDEC's presentation:

- a. Site remediation activities update
 - i. John Street – PFOA and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) investigations
 - 1. Early monitoring of the PlumeStop Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) indicates it is effectively reducing contamination from travelling offsite
 - 2. Culvert work complete; road is open
 - ii. McCaffrey Street
 - 1. IRM in operation and performing as intended
 - iii. Liberty Street
 - 1. IRM in planning
 - 2. Pre-design investigation in planning
 - iv. Interface Site
 - 1. Site characterization initial field activities are complete
- b. Air deposition study status
 - i. Collecting environmental samples from remaining sites once access is granted
 - ii. Selecting samples for testing (Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure analysis)
- c. Disposal site testing update
 - i. Due to online platform technical difficulties, the presentation will be rescheduled to a later meeting. The Facilitator will share the presentation with the CPWG in order to provide an opportunity to review ahead of time.
- d. McCaffrey PFAS Emissions Test Results – follow up with Tom Gentile, Chief, Air Toxics Section, Division of Air Resources
 - i. Recap – results indicate extremely low emissions at the facility.
 - 1. The qualitative study identified trace emissions of:
 - a. Emerging ultra-low chain perfluoralkyl substance replacements
 - b. A fluorotelomer alcohol

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- c. An expected PTFE decomposition product and some polyfluoroalkyl substances that are not believed to be associated with the process operations at the facility
- ii. NYSDEC next steps
 1. Evaluate the use of this information in reviewing the results from the current ongoing remedial investigations
 2. Request ORD to estimate TFE and VOC concentrations in the SUMMA emission samples where possible. EPA ORD has indicated it will provide NYSDEC with these estimated concentrations.
 3. Continue to evaluate the source of the polyfluorinated substances observed through available literature
- e. Water supply update
 - i. Village water supply O&M continues despite current health crisis
 - ii. Town POET maintenance continues despite current health crisis
- f. CPWG Comments/Questions
 - i. Q: Regarding the NYSDOH multi-community health study, who should the public contact if they wish to participate on the community advisory panel?

A: Anyone interested in participating on the community advisory panel should contact Dr. Betsy Lewis-Michl at:
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- ii. Q: Can heat be used to destroy PFAS compounds?

A: NYSDEC is currently tracking research on this topic. Available literature indicates high-temperature treatment can destroy all PFAS compounds. At this time, NYSDEC believes high-temperature incineration prevents anything harmful coming out of the stacks based on existing data to date.

- iii. Q: Of the 39 VOCs present in the stack emissions, are they regulated by class or individually?

A: These VOCs are regulated individually to protect public health and the environment or as a broad class under various DEC regulations used to minimize ozone formation. Many of these VOCs have guidelines that were developed for protection against non-cancer and cancer health effects. These guidelines can be found at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/106667.html>

NYSDEC currently has a statewide, air toxics monitoring network for these VOCs. The network measures 48 VOCs and 12 carbonyl compounds (formaldehyde and higher weight aldehydes). In addition, NYSDEC implemented a program that allows citizens to measure VOCs in their communities. For more information, please review NYSDEC's Community Air Screen Program at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/81629.html>

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Community air screen tests have been conducted in other communities and the NYSDEC will work with the CPWG to explore conducting one in Hoosick Falls.

iv. Q: What is our exposure to C4?

A: Based on the most recent round of blood test results, exposure is likely low. NYSDEC is currently looking at environmental soil samples collected in the areas to evaluate this further. The most recent round of blood test results can be found at:

https://health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/hoosick/docs/hoosick_round_two_info_sheet.pdf

- g. Public Comments/Questions
 - i. None

II. Additional CPWG Agenda Items

- a. Recruitment of Additional CPWG Members
 - i. CPWG members to provide recommendations to the Facilitator
 - ii. Recruitment period will remain open
- b. February Meeting Summary
 - i. The CPWG will provide the Facilitator with any revisions/additions by 3/27/20
- c. Meeting Schedule – High school cafeteria at 6 p.m. (location TBD)
 - i. 4/22/20
 - ii. 5/27/20
 - iii. 6/24/20
 - iv. 7/22/20
 - v. 8/26/20
 - vi. 9/23/20
 - vii. 10/28/20
 - viii. 11/18/20
 - ix. 12/16/20
 - x. 1/27/21
 - xi. 2/24/21