

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)  
Meeting Summary – April 22, 2020**

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

**Note:** The April 22, 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 emailed to contacts on the CPWG ListServ. 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. NYSDEC Update

Following are excerpts from NYSDEC's presentation:

- a. Site remediation activities update – paused due to COVID-19 restrictions
- b. Air deposition study status
  - i. Collecting environmental samples from remaining sites once access is granted
- c. Water supply update
  - i. Village water supply O&M continues despite current health crisis
  - ii. Town POET maintenance continues despite current health crisis
- d. Disposal site testing presentation (repeat the web address where full presentation may be found)
  - i. Study objectives
    - 1. Evaluate the presence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at areas where historic disposal activities were reported to have occurred, based on tips provided to the NYSDEC in 2016

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2. Determine if a site characterization is necessary to further investigate nature and extent of contamination
- ii. Summary of findings
  1. PFOA was the most frequently detected compound
  2. Four PFAS were detected in greater than or equal to 20% of samples, (all matrices) including:
    - a. PFOS (8-chain)
    - b. PFHpA (7-chain)
    - c. PFHxA (6-chain)
    - d. PFNA (9-chain)
  3. PFBS (4-chain) detected in greater than 75% of groundwater and surface water samples
  4. PFUnA (11-chain) was detected in greater than 20% of soil and sediment samples
  5. Majority of elevated detections (those exceeding the groundwater screening level of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) or those substantially above-average detected concentration) were concentrated to a few select areas and were not widespread
  6. Groundwater: Sample locations with Total PFAS concentration greater than 500 ppt were limited to six of the 40 areas that were investigated

### iii. Next steps

To date, areas of concern that required further investigation were identified, and a supplement environmental assessment was completed in the Fall of 2019, which included:

- Further investigation of four properties that were selected based on preliminary sample results from the preliminary EA
- Stepped out from original sample locations with elevated concentrations to evaluate extent of contamination
- Sampled additional media types
- Evaluated types of PFAS detected in samples to determine nature of contamination and potential source

Next steps in the investigative process include:

1. Supplemental data to be evaluated upon validation by chemists
2. Complete further investigations, if necessary, to evaluate nature and extent of contamination within areas of concern
3. Prepare a general report summarizing all collected data based on this presentation

### e. CPWG Comments/Questions

- i. Q: What is the status of a Community Air Screening Program for Hoosick Falls?

A: Community air screen tests have been conducted in other communities and the NYSDEC is exploring the feasibility of conducting one in Hoosick Falls. For more information, please

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review NYSDEC's Community Air Screen Program at:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/public/81629.html>

ii. Q: Did the disposal study eliminate all but four sites?

A: This was a preliminary screening study to identify sites that will be recommended for site characterization. The other 36 sites have not been eliminated.

iii. Q: Were the groundwater samples taken from village and/or town wells?

A: The samples were taken from temporary wells at selected locations, including some suggested by members of the community. At this preliminary screening phase, the purpose was to determine that chemicals were present at the locations. If a site goes to the site characterization phase, the source of the contamination will be determined, including whether it is the same as the POET source.

iv. Q: There seem to be high levels across the board. Does that indicate contamination at most of the sites?

A: PFAS were generally detected in most locations but there are locations that stood out as more significantly impacted. Some of the types of media in those specific locations appear more impacted by PFAS than others, which may represent a specific method of PFAS disposal or release. NYSDEC does not interpret the data as indicative of "high levels across the board" i.e. those locations that were targeted for sampling.

v. Q: Once this is further along, will a local representative be involved?

A: Yes Investigations will follow the same process as all other remedial investigations under Part 375. This includes outreach to local decision makers, as well as the issuing of fact sheets, and community notification.

vi. Q: Were the property owners included in this study given their results?

A: Yes, all property owners were provided their own results.

vii. Q: Will the report indicate where these sites are located?

A: The report will include a figure with general location information.

viii. Q: When will the report be released?

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A: NYSDEC plans to have the report ready for release in June of 2020. Site characterization would likely begin in mid-2020.

ix. Q: There are high levels in some cases. Does this alarm NYSDEC?

A: NYSDEC has looked at the data for the disposal sites investigation and found that properties exhibiting high levels of PFAS were concentrated in 7 locations, and high detections were not widespread.

x. Q: When will the air deposition report be ready?

A: NYSDEC anticipates presenting to the CPWG in early summer of 2020.

xi. Q: NYSDEC is the lead agency in all remediation activities, including the Federal Superfund site. Are federal remediation activities paused due to COVID-19?

A: NYSDEC will work with the EPA and provide an update on all remediation activities, including any potential impacts due to COVID-19.

- f. Public Comments/Questions
  - i. None

II. Additional CPWG Agenda Items

- a. March Meeting Summary
  - i. Posted on the NYSDEC website:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>.
- b. Recruitment of Additional CPWG Members
  - i. Recruitment period will remain open
- c. EPA Long-Chain PFAS – CPWG drafting response
- d. Hoosick Falls CAP for NYSDOH Health Study
  - i. Anyone interested in participating on the Community Advisory Panel should contact Dr. Betsy Lewis-Michl:  
elizabeth.lewis-michl@health.ny.gov
- e. Meeting Schedule – Meeting location/format TBD
  - i. 5/27/20
  - ii. 6/24/20
  - iii. 7/22/20
  - iv. 8/26/20
  - v. 9/23/20
  - vi. 10/28/20
  - vii. 11/18/20
  - viii. 12/16/20
  - ix. 1/27/21
  - x. 2/24/21

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