

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – September 23, 2020**

CPWG Member	Present	Excused	Absent
Marianne Zwicklbauer		X	
Emily Marpe	X		
Loreen Hackett	X		
Brian Keegan	X		
Barbara Lancour	X		
Brian Bushner	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			
Ian Beilby, NYSDEC	X		

Note: The September 23, 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 Hoosick Area CPWG website www.hoosickareacpwg.org and on the NYSDEC website <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 agenda and protocol for online participation
 - ii. The Facilitator noted that the opportunity for comments from participating community members will be provided at the end of the presentations
 - iii. The Facilitator provided an update that the CPWG website is live www.hoosickareacpwg.org

- II. NYSDEC Update: Ian Beilby, P.E. Chief, Section C (Special Projects, Bureau D) Division of Environmental Remediation – Following are excerpts from NYSDEC’s presentation:
 - a. Municipal Water Study Process and Status
 - i. Evaluation Criteria
 1. Superfund Cleanup Program (6NYCRR Part 375, Section 1.8)
 2. NYS Public Water Supply (10NYCRR Part 5, Subpart 5-1)
 - a. Organic and inorganic content
 - b. Available capacity

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- c. Redundancy
 - d. Reporting
 - ii. Recommended Standards for Water Works (Great Lakes – Upper Mississippi River Board of State and Provincial Public Health and Environmental Managers, A.K.A. “Ten States Standards”)
 - 1. Part 1 – Submission of Plans, “Engineer’s Report”
 - 2. Criteria based on:
 - a. Reliability of sustained volume of available water
 - b. Water to be delivered to consumers will meet current requirements of the reviewing authority (NYS) with respect to (chemical, biological, etc.)
 - c. Source options close to end users are preferred
 - ii. Superfund Evaluation Criteria
 - 1. Threshold Criteria – Criteria that MUST be satisfied in order for an alternative to be considered for selection
 - 2. Overall protection of human health and the environment:
 - a. Groundwater/Surface Water/Soil/Air
 - b. Sensitive populations
 - c. Ecological resources
 - 3. Compliance with applicable standards, criteria, and guidance (SCGs)
 - 4. Balancing Criteria
 - a. Short-term effectiveness
 - b. Long-term effectiveness and permanence
 - c. Reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment
 - d. Implement ability
 - e. Cost
 - 5. Modifying Criteria
 - a. Community Acceptance – determined by public comments and documented in a “Responsive Summary” published with the Record of Decision (ROD)
- b. CPWG Questions/Comments
 - i. Q: The data will indicate if an option is viable or not, correct?
A: Correct. If the data indicates that something is amiss, the established criteria will dictate the path forward for a specific option.
 - ii. Q: Do you expect COVID-19 to impact the timeframe?
A: No, we do not anticipate any impact to the timeframe due to COVID-19.

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- iii. Q: What is the expected timeframe once public comments are compiled for the final decision?
A: Once the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) is released, the Record of Decision is typically released in 2 to 3 months.

- iv. Q: Will the option to keep the GAC in place be in all of the options?
A: Yes, all options will include a provision to keep the GAC in place.

- v. C: In an effort to address ongoing concerns related to air emissions, the CPWG is currently working on obtaining additional input and sources for information and quantitative data.
R: NYSDEC is currently working with the EPA on methods to collect and analyze data related to air emissions.

- vi. Q: We are concerned that we are still being exposed to harmful chemicals like C6, C4, etc. What controls can be put into place to eliminate these exposures?
A: Current information does not seem to indicate a concern for potential exposures. However, a thermal Oxidation unit on the Saint-Gobain facility is a possibility.

- vii. Q: The emission test the EPA conducted was qualitative, not quantitative, correct?
A: Correct. ORD's report will be able to provide estimated concentration results for the TFE and VOC analyses of the SUMMA canister emissions samples collected at the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street facility. This report is expected to be submitted to NYSDEC in the coming days.

- viii. Q: When COVID-19 happened, industry reporting requirements were lifted. Did this affect local industry in Hoosick and is this still the case or have the reporting requirements been reinstated?
A: EPA will look into this and follow up with the CPWG.

- ix. Q: A 2014 DES report specific to Saint-Gobain facility in New Hampshire provided information related to many of our questions. Why can't we get the same information here?
A: Questions and concerns related to current facility operations should be discussed with industry. The NYSDEC will help facilitate a meeting with industry and the CPWG.

- x. Q: Europe is banning the use of PFOS/PFAS requiring Saint-Gobain to identify another manufacturing process. Why can't this be done here, too?
A: The CPWG agreed to address this topic with industry. NYSDEC

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will help facilitate a meeting with industry and the CPWG.

- c. Public Questions/Comments
 - i. Q: Historically, how long does this process take from start (identification and elimination of options) to finish (new water source in place)?
A: This process typically takes between 2 and 5 years.
 - ii. Q: Are the revised options that keep the GAC in place available for public review?
A: The revised WSSS containing the updated options will be submitted by the end of November and will be finalized by the end of 2020.

III. CPWG Action Items

- a. Continuing concerns regarding air emissions next steps
 - i. The CPWG will address proactive measures with industry
- b. Request elected representatives to appeal to EPA to add PTFE to the TRI
 - i. The CPWG will draft a letter to elected representatives
- c. Old Teflon storage containers and community collection day
 - i. NYSDEC is working on a solution and will follow up with the CPWG
- d. Air monitoring/SUMMA cannisters
 - i. These cannisters are used for vapor intrusion studies in a confined space, versus outside in open air
 - ii. Saint-Gobain is installing VOC emission controls which will address some of the odor issues
 - iii. NYSDEC will help facilitate a discussion with Saint-Gobain for additional sharing of information and discussion
- e. CPWG representation on Multi-Site Health Study Community Advisory Panel meeting
 - i. Emily Marpe and Loreen Hackett will represent the CPWG
 - ii. Please email either if you have a question or concern you would like them to bring forward
- f. Need link to Water Quality Committee Meeting and new NYSDOH contact name for Hoosick Falls
 - i. NYSDOH will provide both once a contact is identified
- g. Public Comments/Questions
 - i. None

IV. Additional CPWG Agenda Items

- a. Meeting schedule – Meeting location/format TBD
 - i. 10/28/20
 - ii. 11/18/20
 - iii. 12/16/20
 - iv. 1/27/21
 - v. 2/24/21