

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – April 26, 2022**

CPWG Member	Present	Excused	Absent
Marianne Zwicklbauer	X		
Emily Marpe		X	
Eric Sheffer			X
Mark Surdam		X	
Rob Allen			X
Pat Dailey	X		
David Lukas		X	
Michael Hickey	X		
Kai Jones	X		
Peter Steller			X
Jennifer Schuttig			X
Facilitator			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group	X		
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
Presenters			
Ian Bielby, NYSDEC	X		
Steve Schwarz, Faraci & Lange	X		
Dr. Erin Bell, University at Albany	X		

Note: The April 26, 2022 public meeting of the CPWG was conducted in-person at the Hoosick Falls High School cafeteria and via an online video/conference platform due to the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. A press release reminder of the meeting date was issued to local media. A meeting date reminder and log-in directions were emailed to all community members that signed up 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 protocol for in-person and online participation
 - ii. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting agenda and introduced CPWG Co-chairs Michael Hickey and Patrick Daily

- II. NYSDEC Update
 - a. 80 1st Street
 - i. Contractor selected for Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) field work and is expected to start in May 2022.
 - ii. Dump truck schedules will be coordinated with village and school leaders to minimize disruption
 - iii. Additional information can be found at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/442052irm.pdf>

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b. CPWG Comments/Questions

i. Q: Does the village own the land once the work is complete?

A: The site is currently owned by Oak-Mitsui. Oak-Mitsui may choose to retain ownership or sell once the work is complete. Either way, there will likely be an environmental easement that will require inspections (monitoring) and maintenance if necessary.

Q: Who owns John Street and is there anything new with this site?

A: Honeywell is the current owner of the John Street site. Remedial Investigation has been reviewed and comments have been issued. A Proposed Remediation Action Plan (PRAP) is expected this fiscal year, followed by a Record of Decision (ROD) for remediation within 18 months. This timeline is due to the multiple contaminants found on the site in various media (soil, ground water, etc.) that need to be remediated. More information may be found at:

<https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=442049>

ii. C: I am concerned about the length of the timeline because this site is located in the middle of the village and is an eyesore.

A: It is important to not disturb a site while testing is in progress because all factors contributing to contamination need to be part of the cleanup and remediation plan.

c. Public Comments/Questions

i. None

III. Settlement Update – Attorney Steve Schwartz

a. On February 4, 2022, a federal judge gave final approval of the \$65 million class-action settlement involving the water contamination in Hoosick Falls.

b. KCC, the General Administrator, with the assistance of Class Counsel, is currently processing claims for eligibility and appropriate documentation.

i. If any claims are deficient, the General Administrator or Class Counsel will contact the claimant by email and regular mail and seek any missing information.

1. Individuals that filed electronically and did not receive a confirmation should contact Emma Dugan (212) 558-5677; eduggan@weitzlux.com) OR Steve Schwarz (585-399-6035; sschwarz@faraci.com) as soon as possible to make sure their claim got filed.

2. Individuals that filed by mail and want to confirm their claim was filed should contact Emma Dugan (212) 558-5677; eduggan@weitzlux.com) OR Steve Schwarz (585-399-6035; sschwarz@faraci.com) as soon as possible

3. Until all claims are processed, there can be no distribution of the proceeds as the division of the amount among the claimants can only occur once the list of eligible claimants is final.

ii. There are some nuisance claims that were not done properly and will not be eligible. For example, only the individual on the lease or on the deed can qualify (versus all individuals that reside at the property).

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- c. Claims filed
 - i. 2,551 claims filed
 - ii. 1,516 property devaluation claims filed
 - iii. 1,274 claims filed for the medical monitoring settlement class
 - iv. 798 claims filed for the Nuisance Settlement Class
- d. Medical Monitoring Program
 - i. Working with Petersburg to achieve economies of scale that will help reduce cost and prolong the programs.
 - ii. Working with the SWVMC Environmental Medicine Department to become the prime providers of medical monitoring with possibly two locations:
 - 1. Bennington, VT
 - 2. Twin Rivers in Hoosick Falls – currently working on staffing and other resources that would be needed for this location
 - iii. 1,300 people now on the medical monitoring list
- e. Contact Information
 - i. Website: <http://www.hoosickfallspfoasettlement.com/>
 - ii. Phone: 1-855-786-0992
 - iii. Email: info@HoosickFallsPFOASettlement.com
- f. CPWG Comments/Questions
 - i. C: Please post this information in the Eastwick Press.
A: Yes, we will make sure that this information is in the EP and other smaller papers.
- g. Public Comments/Questions
 - i. None

IV. NYSDOH/University of Albany Multi-community Health Study Update – Dr. Erin Bell

- a. Recruitment to date
 - i. 65 adults to date (goal is 1,000)
 - ii. Several children (goal is 100)
- b. Clinic Open House – May 7, 2022
 - i. Clinic is located at 140 Main Street
 - 1. Subject matter experts
 - a. NYSHOH
 - b. University of Albany
 - c. NYSDEC
 - 2. Facility tours will be available
 - 3. Activities for children
 - 4. Ability to enroll onsite
- c. What the study involves:
 - i. Adults and children in Newburgh and Hoosick Falls will be invited to participate if they meet eligibility requirements.
 - ii. Study team plans to enroll 1,000 adults and 300 children.
 - iii. If eligible, adults and children will attend a one-time clinic visit. They will give a blood sample, a urine sample, and answer a health questionnaire.
 - iv. Children will also complete cognitive and behavioral screenings (possibly on a return visit).

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- v. All participants will receive a results report and reimbursement for each portion of the clinic visit they complete.
- d. Clinic appointments
 - i. Once an appointment is scheduled, study team will mail a clinic appointment packet
 - 1. Appointment Reminder Card
 - 2. Informed Consent Materials
 - a. In addition to the main study, the New York site will ask for consent to collect an additional blood sample and to receive access to stored blood samples from the DOH biomonitoring program
 - 3. Study Fact Sheet
 - 4. Appointment Prep Infographic
 - 5. Urine Collection Supplies and Instructions
 - a. Urine samples will be stored until lab methods are developed and the scientific evidence shows which PFAS tests will yield useful results
- e. Clinic visits
 - i. For adults, the clinic visit will last approximately 1.5 hours and include the following:
 - 1. Sign-in
 - 2. Urine sample drop off
 - 3. Height and weight measurements
 - 4. Blood pressure check
 - 5. Blood sample collection
 - 6. Questionnaire completion, including residential, work, and medical history
 - ii. For children, the clinic visit will also include a neurobehavioral assessment lasting 1.5 to 2 hours. This can be scheduled on a different day, if needed. It will include:
 - 1. Memory games
 - 2. Sorting items
 - 3. Solving puzzles
 - iii. We will also ask for consent to access medical and school records
- f. Clinic results
 - i. We will send samples to a lab to analyze for PFAS levels and health measures.
 - ii. We will mail a lab report with blood results, including the following for both adults and children:
 - 1. Cholesterol
 - 2. Thyroid hormones and sex hormones (in children)
 - 3. Kidney function
 - 4. Immune system
 - 5. Liver enzymes
 - 6. Lead, mercury, manganese, and cadmium levels (New York site only)

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- iii. The report will also include urine analysis, including:
 - 1. PFAS levels
 - 2. Kidney function
- iv. Participants are welcome to share this report with their primary care physician.
- g. Clinic visit exit
 - i. \$25 gift card for blood pressure, and blood and urine sample collection
 - ii. \$25 gift card for questionnaire completion
 - iii. \$25 gift card for child/parent completion of the neurobehavioral assessment
- h. Contact information
 - i. Text: 518-898-0276
 - ii. Email: PFAS@albany.edu
 - iii. Call toll-free: 1-833-732-7697
 - iv. Website: <https://www.albany.edu/sph/pfas>
 - v. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NYSPFASHealthStudy>
- i. CPWG Comments/Questions
 - i. C: Additional vehicles for posting information include:
 - 1. Hoosick Area Hear & Now on Facebook
 - 2. Hoosick to Go on Facebook
 - 3. Town and village offices and websites
 - 4. Area newspapers
 - ii. Q: What is the difference between the medical monitoring that is part of the settlement and this?
A: The medical monitoring that is part of the settlement monitors an individual's health over the long term. This is a one-point-in-time research study designed to gather data to help better understand the health impacts related to PFAS. The benefits of participating in this study include helping contribute to overall findings and helping influence future decision-making with these findings.
 - iii. Q: If you participate in the medical monitoring and this study, will you have to have your blood drawn two times?
A: Yes. If you participate in the medical monitoring and this study, you will have to have blood drawn two times; however, if you had blood drawn by NYSDOH in the past, those samples can be used for this study and you will only have to get your blood drawn for the medical monitoring.
 - iv. Q: I am 17 and will be leaving the area eventually. How will you track those that are participating but are no longer in the area?
A: During enrollment, you will be asked to provide a contact person who would be able to get hold of you should you leave the area.
- j. Public Comments/Questions
 - i. None

V. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business

- a. Water Quality Council meeting – May 2
https://health.ny.gov/press/releases/2022/2022-04-13_media_advisory.htm
- b. Meeting Summaries posted on www.hoosickareacpwg.org
- c. 2022 Public Meeting Schedule – Meeting Location/Format TBD

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- i. Tuesday, June 28, 2022
- ii. Tuesday, August 23, 2022
- iii. Tuesday, October 25, 2022
- iv. Tuesday, December 13, 2022