

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – October 25, 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		
Dr. Erin Bell, University at Albany	X		

Note: The October 25, 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. NYSDOH/University of Albany Multi-Community Health Study Update – Dr. Erin Bell
 - a. Recruitment to date
 - i. 400 adults to date (goal is 1,000)
 - ii. Several children to date (goal is 100)
 - b. Clinic Open through April 2023
 - i. Clinic is located at 140 Main Street
 - 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

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- d. Lab report with blood results are being mailed out and include 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)
 - ii. The report will also include urine analysis, including:
 - 1. PFAS levels
 - 2. Kidney function
 - iii. Participants are encouraged to review their report with their primary care physician.
- e. Eligibility
 - i. An adult aged 18 years or older who
 - 1. Lived in Newburgh or the Hoosick Falls area and used drinking water with documented PFAS contamination between 2005 and March 2016 in the Hoosick Falls area OR between 2005 and May 2016 in the City of Newburgh
 - 2. Were exposed through drinking water
 - 3. Were not exposed through environment or occupation
 - a. Worked as firefighter; trained as firefighter using AFFF foam
 - b. Worked at an industrial facility that used PFAS chemicals in the manufacturing process
 - c. University of Albany is working with a clinic in Albany to create a process similar to the study for these individuals
 - ii. A child aged 4 through 17 years who has parent or guardian's permission and
 - 1. Lived in Newburgh or Hoosick Falls and used drinking water with documented PFAS contamination between 2005 and March 2016 in the Hoosick Falls area OR between 2005 and May 2016 in the City of Newburgh
 - 2. Was born to and/or breastfed by a mother that meets the adult eligibility criteria
 - f. 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>
 - g. 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

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- 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: Is it possible for the Medical Monitoring Program (MMP) and Multi-Site Study (MSS) to align efforts?
A: University of Albany continues to explore ways to share data with the Medical Monitoring team.
- iv. C: University of Albany will work with the school district and community to create events specific to recruiting youth that would result in the completion of all paperwork requirements and scheduling of clinic appointment.
- v. C: Coordination with Twin Rivers for youth blood draw would be helpful so kids only have to get their blood drawn once for both the medical monitoring and the health study.
- h. Public Comments/Questions
 - i. None

III. NYSDEC Update

- a. McCaffrey Street
 - i. Companies have advanced the proposal for water supply transmission line
 - 1. Geologic data required to assess potential transmission line route
 - a. Depth to bedrock
 - b. Depth to groundwater table
 - 2. Survey needed
 - a. Topographic
 - b. Utility
 - ii. Village and companies to finalize costing and funding options
- b. Air deposition study report can be found at:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>
- c. CPWG Questions/Comments
 - i. Q: Why has the process taken so long and extended past the original NYSDEC deadline for industry response to the ROD?
A: As the ROD was reviewed by the companies and the Village, both parties identified aspects where some added levels of detail were needed. Examples included project cost estimates and projections, and the need for greater clarity on procedures related to securing the new water source.
- d. Public Questions/Comments
 - i. Q: Has the government started allocation of federal resources related to infrastructure and is Hoosick Falls eligible to receive funding?
A: NYSDEC will put the CPWG in touch with the appropriate contacts related to federal infrastructure dollars.

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- ii. Q: When will discussions take place between the responsible parties and the landowners of the new water source?
A: NYSDEC will communicate this request with the responsible parties.

IV. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business

- a. Meeting Summaries posted on www.hoosickareacpwg.org
- b. 2022 Public Meeting Schedule – Meeting Location/Format TBD
 - i. Tuesday, December 13, 2022