

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)  
Meeting Summary – April 25, 2023**

<b>CPWG Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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		
Sean Nealon	X		
Chris Bettis	X		
<b>Facilitator</b>			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group		X	
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
<b>Presenters</b>			
Barbara Firebaugh, NYSDEC	X		
Ian Bielby, NYSDEC	X		
Dr. Erin Bell, University of Albany	X		

**Note:** Due to winter storm conditions, the April 25, 2023 public meeting of the CPWG was conducted virtually via an online video/conference platform. 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](http://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 online participation
    - ii. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting agenda
  
- II. NYSDEC Update – Ian Bielby, NYSDEC
  - a. Remediation updates
    - i. McCaffrey Street OU1
      1. Supplemental Remedial Investigation work is well underway.
      2. OU1 Human health and Ecological risk assessments are substantially complete. BERA was submitted in November, and comments were returned in early April.
      3. Additional statistical analysis was recommended and work plan is in progress as part of the BHHRA

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4. OU2 Remedial Design Work Plan and Geotech Investigation Report have been submitted and are in review.
  5. OU3 remedial investigation scope has been submitted and is in review.
  - ii. Liberty Street
    1. Interim remedial measure on the stormwater drainage system is substantially complete, and a construction completion report is being prepared.
    2. Additional surface water characterization work was approved last year, and that data has been collected and is being compiled.
  - iii. Former Columbia Corporation Revised
    1. Site Characterization Report is complete and is available online.
  - iv. 80 First Street
    1. Topsoil cover is in place and seeding is complete and vegetative cover is established.
    2. The draft Final Engineering Report (FER), draft Site Management Plan (SMP), and the draft Environmental Easement package are under review.
  - v. Hoosick Falls Landfill
    1. A draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report has been submitted and is under review.
    2. Leachate IRMs are ongoing.
  - vi. River Road Site
    1. Reclassified to a Class 2 for continued work due to a significant source of contamination encountered in bedrock.
    2. The Bedrock Groundwater IRM pre-design investigation (PDI) work is complete.
    3. The PDI Tech Memorandum and the Remedial Investigation Report have been submitted and are in the process of being finalized.
  - b. CPWG Questions/Comments
    - i. NONE
  - c. Public Questions/Comments
    - i. NONE
- III. NYSDOH/University at Albany Update – Erin M. Bell, PhD Professor, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, University at Albany, School of Public Health
- a. Recruitment
    - i. Hoosick Falls recruitment has ended; Newburgh recruitment will continue through the end of September.
    - ii. The other sites across the country will also end recruitment by the end of September.
  - b. Enrolled participants
    - i. Should be receiving their individual clinical results from their blood draws (these are measures such as cholesterol and thyroid function).
    - ii. Measured concentrations of PFAS mailings will begin in the next few weeks and continue throughout the summer (we mail in small batches).
  - c. Next steps

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- i. Once recruitment closes for all sites, laboratory analyses will be completed and data from the questionnaires for the statistical analyses of the research questions will be compiled.
    - ii. The community will be updated on progress.
  - d. Literature review
    - i. Jordan McAdam, a doctoral student has had her first paper accepted to a journal.
    - ii. Purpose was to examine the literature and discuss predictors of PFAS concentrations in adults, especially women.
    - iii. She will provide the CPWG an overview of the paper at the June meeting and answer questions and provide an update on her dissertation goals and progress.
  - e. NIH application
    - i. The University of Connecticut has reached out to the University at Albany to submit an application to NIH for a superfund research center (described here [RFA-ES-23-001: Limited Competition: Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program \(P42 Clinical Trial Optional\) \(nih.gov\)](#)).
    - ii. The goal would be to propose a regional center with UAlbany and UCONN serving as joint leads.
    - iii. The centers would support engineering and health related research. Community engagement and serve as a community resource for the community members.
    - iv. Dr. Erin Bell will provide more information, including how best to gather community input for the application, at the June CPWG meeting.
    - v. [RFA-ES-23-001: Limited Competition: Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program \(P42 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: Limited Competition: Superfund Hazardous Substance Research and Training Program (P42 Clinical Trial Optional) RFA-ES-23-001. NIEHS [grants.nih.gov](#)
  - f. CPWG Questions/Comments
    - i. Q: How many participants are from Hoosick Falls?  
A: There are a total of 500 adult participants and about half are from Hoosick Falls.
  - g. Public Questions/Comments
    - i. NONE

#### IV. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business

- a. Meeting Summaries posted on [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org)
- b. 2023 Public Meeting Schedule will be posted in the near future
  - Tuesday, June 27, 2023
  - Tuesday, August 22, 2023
  - Tuesday, October 24, 2023
  - Tuesday, December 12, 2023