

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – December 16, 2024**

| CPWG Member | Present | Excused | Absent |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Marianne Zwicklbauer | X | | |
| Eric Sheffer | X | | |
| Mark Surdam | X | | |
| Rob Allen | | X | |
| Pat Dailey | X | | |
| David Lukas | | | X |
| Jessica Haynes | | X | |
| Mathew Angell | | | X |
| Sean Nealon | | | X |
| Chris Bettis | X | | |
| Facilitator | | | |
| Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group | X | | |
| Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group | X | | |
| Presenters | | | |
| Dan Servetas, WSP | X | | |
| Barbara Firebaugh, NYSDEC | X | | |
| Dr. Erin Bell, University of Albany | X | | |

Note: The December 16, 2024 public meeting of the CPWG was held virtually and the link was shared via the CPWG Listserv prior to the meeting. A press release was issued to local media and a meeting date reminder was also emailed to all community members who 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 format and Q&A opportunities for community attendees, including protocol for online participation.
 - ii. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

- II. Water Source Construction Update – Dan Servetas
 - a. Construction is complete
 - b. Start-up activities are complete, including:
 - i. Pressure testing
 - ii. System disinfection
 - iii. Collection of samples from LaCroix well #1, results expected early January
 - iv. Conducting Water Treatment Plant Operator training
 - c. Next steps in January
 - i. Submittal of Engineer’s Certificate of Completion to NYSDOH and NYSDEC

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- ii. Submittal of Operations and Maintenance Manual to Village
- iii. Transfer of system to Village
- d. Transition to new well expected late January/early February
 - i. Mayor Allen will speak with NYSDEC to plan a proper event

III. Site Remediation Update – Barbara Firebaugh

- a. McCaffrey Street
 - i. Remedial Investigation Report is in review and human health and ecological risk assessments are substantially complete for OU1
 - ii. Construction of new water source is complete (see above for full report on new water source)
 - iii. Remedial investigation sampling is substantially complete for OU3
- b. Liberty Street
 - i. Draft Remedial Investigation Report is in review
 - ii. Next step is feasibility study
- c. Former Columbia Corporation
 - i. Revised Site Characterization Report is complete and available on NYSDEC website
 - ii. Site has been reclassified to Class 2
 - iii. Remedial Investigation phase to begin
- d. 80 First Street
 - i. Draft Final Engineering Report and Draft Site Management Plan are accepted
 - ii. Environmental easement is recorded
- e. Hoosick Landfill
 - i. Draft Remedial Investigation Report is in review
 - ii. Leachate IRMs are ongoing
- f. River Road
 - i. Class 2 due to COCs in bedrock fractures
 - ii. Bedrock Groundwater IRM pre-design investigation is complete
 - iii. Remedial Investigation Report is complete
 - iv. Optimization testing of the proposed treatment train concept is ongoing (the approach for treatment of contaminants of concern is being refined)
 - v. Remedial Investigation Work Plan is being developed
- g. John Street
 - i. Remedial Investigation Report is complete
 - ii. Feasibility Study is in review
 - iii. Proposed Remedial Action Plan is in progress
 - iv. Public meeting to be scheduled
- h. Natural Resource Damages settlement,
 - i. NYSDEC seeking project ideas to spend approximately \$5,300,000 on appropriate NRD restoration project(s) that compensate for groundwater injuries in and around the Town of Hoosick,
 - ii. Collecting public input until December 31, 2024.
 - iii. Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies may email comments to: nrd@dec.ny.gov or via mail to: NYSDEC, Attn: Jared Reed, 14th Floor, 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-1500

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IV. Biomonitoring Data Update – Dr. Erin Bell

- a. Characteristics Associated with Higher Blood PFOA and PFOS Concentrations among Adult Hoosick Falls (2016) Biomonitoring Participants on Public Water Supply – 1303 participants
 - i. Older age
 - ii. Male sex
 - iii. Never consume bottled water
 - iv. Consuming more water per day
 - v. Not always filtering drinking water
 - vi. Being a current smoker
 - vii. Workplace served by Hoosick Falls served by public water supply
 - viii. Living in Hoosick Falls for 10 or more years
 - ix. Earlier blood sample collection date
- b. Health Survey Results
 - i. High cholesterol – people with the 3rd highest concentrations of blood PFOA in Hoosick Falls had about 50% higher odds of having high cholesterol compared to people with the lowest concentrations (level 1).
 - ii. Rheumatoid arthritis – people with the second highest blood PFOA concentrations in Hoosick Falls had about 120% increased odds of having rheumatoid arthritis compared to people with the lowest concentrations (level 1).
 - iii. Cancer of any type – people with the 2nd highest concentrations of blood PFOA in Hoosick Falls had about 70% higher odds of having cancer compared to people with the lowest concentrations (level 1). Note, very preliminary results).
 - iv. Similarly, people with the second highest blood PFOA concentrations in Hoosick Falls had about 120% increased odds of having rheumatoid arthritis compared to people with the lowest concentrations (level 1).
- c. Summary
 - i. Results tell us what blood levels of PFOA/PFOS were shortly after contamination was detected
 - ii. Give us some information on self-reported health conditions to pay greater attention to in the Multi-site PFAS Health Study
 - iii. Biomonitoring was designed to measure individual PFOA/PFOS levels
 - iv. The Multi-site PFAS Health Study was designed for population-level research, and will be able to build off of this research
 - v. The Multi-site PFAS Health Study includes medical records (among those who consented), blood work, and a comprehensive health conditions questionnaire
- d. Next Steps
 - i. Journal article for Hoosick Falls submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal and will be available in the coming months
 - 1. Journal article for Newburgh to come shortly after
 - ii. Multi-site PFAS Health Study
 - 1. Analysis is occurring now
 - 2. Findings will be reported to communities when available

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3. Similarly, results will be published in peer-reviewed scientific journals
- e. For more information:
 - i. Multi-site PFAS Health Study: <https://www.albany.edu/cihs/pfas>
 - ii. Guidance on PFAS Testing: <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/resource/26156/interactive/>
- V. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business
- a. Meeting Summaries posted on www.hoosickareacpwg.org
 - b. 2025 Public Meeting Schedule TBD