Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)
Meeting Summary – January 22, 2020

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Discussion Summary:

I. Hoosick Falls CPWG Business Meeting
   a. Welcome – The Paige Group
      i. The Facilitator provided an overview of meeting agenda and noted
         opportunities for comments from community members in the audience
   b. NYSDEC Update – Following are excerpts from NYSDEC’s presentation:
      i. John Street Remediation
         1. Injection activities related to installing the permeable barrier IRM
            at John Street began in November.
         2. Culvert activities include:
            a. Removing the solids from within the intact box culvert
               structure for disposal at a properly permitted facility
            b. Cleaning the structure and adding flowable fill to the
               structure to stabilize any remaining contamination.
            c. Structure will be monitored after the completion of the IRM.
         3. Anticipated completion date first week of March
      4. These activities will allow the village to complete its contracted
         sewer improvements in the vicinity of the box culvert.
   c. EPA Update – Following are excerpts from the EPA’s presentation:
      i. Mission: protect human and environmental health by:
         1. Understanding and addressing emerging contaminants
         2. Understanding and addressing PFAS and PFOA
         3. Providing technical support to NYSDEC and NYSDOH
ii. Actions:
   1. Proposed regulatory determinations to begin the process of setting national minimum levels for PFAS and PFOA in drinking water
   2. Currently evaluating whether to designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)
   3. Released an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking to consider adding PFAS chemicals to the EPA’s Toxic Release Inventory List - resource for learning about toxic chemical releases and pollution prevention activities reported by industrial and federal facilities
   4. Developing new methods of detection
   5. Researching health effects with state Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
   6. Conducting an Integrated Risk Information assessment of other PFAS chemicals to identify and characterize the health hazards of chemicals found in the environment
   7. Continues to provide grants to educational institutions to fund research

d. CPWG and other Attendee Comments/Questions
The following were questions/comments related to the John Street remediation.
   i. Q: Is it known if the contamination in the John Street culvert impacted private property in the area?

      A: Thus far, investigation has not shown contamination in the private property area. However, once the contaminated soil in the culvert is removed and the barrier is in place, the site will be monitored and data will be collected to determine if additional remediation is needed.

   ii. Q: Where does the removed soil go?

      A: The contractor is responsible for disposing of the soil at a permitted facility that meets all DEC-disposal requirements.

   iii. Q: How will residents be notified about this activity and will health data related to exposure be provided?

      A: NYSDEC will be going door to door with door hangers. NYSDOH will provide related health data and contact information to be included.

   iv. Q: People will be anxious when they see workers in protective gear. What is protecting residents?

      A: The contaminants are in the soil, not the air. Workers who are in direct contact with the soil will be wearing protective gear. NYSDEC will have staff onsite during this time to monitor the safe removal of the soil and answer any questions residents in the area may have. [Note, CPWG encouraged education to the community on this topic.]

   v. Q: Is the culvert structure staying?

      A: Yes, the culvert structure will stay in place. At this time, there are no mitigating circumstances to require its removal.
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The following were questions/comments for the EPA.

i. Q: The stack test was described as qualitative and not quantitative. Are there plans to make this method quantitative?

A: This qualitative study serves as the foundation for more detailed study. The results of the current study are being used to develop a follow-up quantitative method.

ii. Q: Can you provide additional information and detail regarding the process for setting MCLs that includes opportunities for public comment, factors that would accelerate the process or impede it, important milestones, and anticipated target date?

A: Yes, we will share the process and anticipated timeline.

iii. In addition to the above, there was consensus with the CPWG and the public in attendance that the RA bring back to Washington the needed urgency to set MCLs. The CPWG also agreed to develop a list of additional questions that they would then submit to the EPA for response.

The following were additional questions/comments:

iv. Q: What is the status of the water source study?

A: NYSDEC is currently going through the public comments and incorporating them into what will be NYSDEC’s recommendation on preferred source. This recommendation will then be put forward for public comment.

v. Several in attendance expressed frustration at the new transparency law that would limit the scientific and medical research that the government can use to determine public health regulations. The new law would require that scientists disclose all of their raw data, including confidential medical records, before the agency could consider an academic study’s conclusions.

vi. Congressman Delgado also expressed the need for swift and urgent action on setting MCLs.

II. Additional CPWG Agenda Items

a. December Meeting Summary

i. The CPWG accepted the December meeting summary

b. The CPWG will schedule a conference call to discuss the member recruitment process based on its bylaws.

c. The CPWG reviewed and tentatively accepted the following meeting schedule. Meetings will be held at the high school cafeteria at 6 p.m.

i. 3/25/20

ii. 4/22/20

iii. 5/27/20

iv. 6/24/20

v. 7/22/20

vi. 8/26/20

vii. 9/23/20
viii. 10/28/20
ix. 11/18/20
x. 12/16/20
xi. 1/27/21
xii. 2/24/21