

OHIO EPA REPORT – 1/22/2003

- Comments regarding the Phase II Remedial Investigation Report (1st submittal) were provided to the Painesville PRP Group in December 2002. The PRPs will submit a revised document for Ohio EPA review by late-February. Once the document is approved, Ohio EPA will schedule a public meeting to update citizens on the findings of the remedial investigation.
- The time-critical removal at the coke plant has been completed. The final report submitted by the Painesville PRP Group should be approved by U.S. EPA in the immediate future.
- The only investigatory activities remaining are: (1) the sampling of the soils below the large waste piles at the coke plant (Study Area 2C1), and (2) measuring of ground water levels in wells across the Site. It is anticipated that work at the coke plant will be completed in Spring 2003 and the final round of water levels will be measured in Fall/Winter 2003.
- Ohio EPA DHWM is currently reviewing sampling results from the large waste pile characterization activities at the coke plant. They will determine if any additional sampling of the piles is needed and whether the piles will be characterized as either a hazardous or solid waste.
- Crompton (Uniroyal) completed sampling activities of sand piles moved from the former Dartron property to the Hach property in August 2002. Ohio EPA is currently reviewing the report. The report recommends that the sand, which contains elevated levels of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), be disposed in a landfill as a solid waste.
- Based on newly discovered information, the Painesville PRP Group has determined that a disposal area may exist in Study Area 3A1. They have proposed additional sampling for this parcel. Ohio EPA has received the work plan for the sampling activities and will review the document in the near future.
- The Painesville PRP Group has recently notified Ohio EPA that they will be resubmitting the Feasibility Study Report for Study Area 7A1. Once approved, Ohio EPA will draft a Preferred Plan outlining the Agency's preferred remedial option for the parcel. The Agency will solicit public comment on the proposal prior to making a final determination on the remedy.
- Ohio EPA, the Painesville PRP Group and others are still working toward reaching a resolution of the enforcement action brought against signatories to the Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFO) in 2000. The amount of penalty is the primary outstanding issue.

- Crompton (Uniroyal) has recently expressed an interest in becoming more actively involved at the Site. Ohio EPA and representatives from the Ohio Attorney General's Office will be meeting with Crompton attorneys on Friday to discuss the issue.

- Lake County and Hemisphere Corp. have received money from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund for additional remediation of Study Areas 1B1, 1B2 and 5B1 of the Site. Ohio EPA is currently working with Hemisphere to finalize the contingencies for the grant agreement. It is anticipated, if the agreement is signed by the end of January, that remedial activities may begin as early as Summer 2003 on these parcels.

DSCRT Quarterly Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2003

The meeting was called to Order at 2:15 p.m. by Teri Phillips, Secretary.

A. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The last meeting was held on October 15, 2003. There were no corrections to the meeting minutes.

B. Ohio EPA Report

See Attached.

C. Painesville PRP Group Report

See Attached.

D. Hemisphere Report

1. A newspaper article on the vineyard project was in the Plain Dealer's Sunday Magazine on 1/11/04. Hemisphere will be ordering extra copies if anyone would like to read it.
2. The removal/relocation of soil on the Round #1 Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) portion of the Site (Study Areas 1B1, 1B2 and 5B1) will be performed this Summer. The first thing to be done is demolition work on the former pump house (Study Area 1B2).
3. The application for the Round #2 CORF project for this Study (Study Areas 1C3 and the western portion of 1C4) was not funded. However, this portion of the property is still moving forward for remedy selection.
4. A Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Award was obtained for the purpose of cutting back and revegetating the slope along the Grand River in Study Area 4. The money will not be made available for some time due to State of Ohio funding issues. However, once the money is received, the \$200,000 project must be completed within 24 months.
5. A geotechnical study will be performed across the entire site to determine what type of soils exists. This information will be submitted to Ohio EPA as part of the feasibility study.

E. Communications Committee Report

No Report.

F. Community Concerns

None.

G. Comments from the Public

None.

H. Organizational Business

The meeting dates for 2004/2005 were established. They are as follows:

March 10, 2004
June 9, 2004
September 15, 2004
January 12, 2004

I. Old Business

None.

J. New Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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