

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tauren Beggs (DNR Project Manager)

SUBJECT: Update call with EPA and State & County Health Departments for Aniwa Arsenic Site

Kathy Halbur from EPA called to update parties involved with the Aniwa Arsenic Site about upcoming activities to prepare for the EPA Removal Action. Liz Evans from State Health, Jaime Boden from Shawano County Health, Robert Kondreck from Tetrattech, and Tauren Beggs from the DNR were also on the call.

Halbur notified group that she had talked to Warren Hohn about the EPA Action Memo and emailed a copy to the Town Clerk. She also said there is a copy available in the local Birnamwood Public Library. On February 19, 2015, there was an article posted in the Wittenberg Enterprise in the Birnamwood Newspaper. Halbur will get a copy of the article from Hohn.

Halbur listed out the next steps for the EPA Removal Action:

- 1) Need to contact Mr. Timm (owner of property to the west of the site) about sampling his potable well and discussing whether or not he wants a water treatment system installed. Jaime Boden offered to contact Mr. Timm to schedule the meeting for either March 4th or 6th, 2015. Plan is to have Tetrattech collect the water sample inside the residence and EPA & County Health to talk to Mr. Timm about the water treatment system. O&M of treatment system would be roughly \$250/year. Halbur asked Beggs about the responsibility of the Water Treatment System. Beggs replied that the Town would handle O&M until closure, then it would become a continuing obligation for the property owner. Beggs also said that Hohn stated that Mr. Timm does not drink the water from the potable well because it tastes "swampy." Halbur asked if this could be tested for when they sample during the upcoming meeting with Mr. Timm. Kondreck said he would contact the lab to see what sampling could be conducted for that.
- 2) EPA to schedule a meeting with the Town Chair and Clerk to discuss timetable for removal.
- 3) EPA needs to assign the cleanup (ERRS) contractor and response manager.
- 4) EPA needs to schedule a time to get a Geoprobe rig out to the site to collect soil samples for waste characterization and treatability purposes. Tentatively scheduled for March 18th, 2015. Once the soil sample analytical results are received by EPA, then EPA will need at least a month to prepare a plan for the removal.
- 5) EPA will then schedule the removal, likely in summer 2015 during a dry period. Scheduling is weather dependent.

Halbur also asked if the information for the EPA Removal Action should be available in other public locations. Boden stated that information could be provided for the following resources: Birnamwood Community Center, County Health Department website, and the County Planning & Development or Land Conservation Departments.

Halbur concluded the call saying the group would reconvene in approximately one month with another update call once the water sample was collected from the Timm residence and the soil samples were collected from the site.