

Summary

Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base-Oscoda Area PFAS Coordination Call

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern

1. Attendees

- a. EGLE, Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD): Amanda Armbruster, Matt Baltusis, John Bradley, Dave Kline, Mike Neller, and Beth Place
- b. Air Force Civil Engineer Center (Air Force), former WAFB: Val de la Fuente, David Gibson, and Malcolm McLendon
- c. EGLE Water Resources Division (WRD), former WAFB-Oscoda Area updates: Charlie Bauer and Matt Siler
- d. Michigan Department of Natural Resources: not present
- e. U.S. Forest Service (USDA-FS): Jessie Stuntebeck
- f. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS): Andrea Keatley
- g. District Health Department #2 (DHD2): Cori Upper
- h. Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority (OWAA): Gary Kellan
- i. Oscoda Township: Dave Schaeffer and Aaron Weed
- j. Au Sable Township: not present
- k. Community Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Arnie Leriche, Rex Vaughn, and Bill Gaines
- l. Elected Official Liaisons & others

1. Updates

- a. EGLE, RRD, - former WAFB
 - i. EGLE is preparing a comprehensive EGLE PFAS data package to share with Air Force once Air Force has a contractor on board.
 - ii. MPART's contractor AECOM collected foam samples from Cedar Lake and Van Etten Lake earlier this year. The report for the MPART study should be available in September 202; however, this could be delayed due to COVID-19 issues.
 - iii. MPART foam remediation attempts were not feasible; therefore, MPART plans to purchase wash stations and is working with Oscoda Township to install rinse stations at Ratliff Park.

- b. Air Force, former WAFB
 - i. Air Force has been coordinating with OWAA on property transfers, building demolition and sampling for the vapor intrusion evaluation
 - ii. Quarterly soil gas sampling results from the vapor intrusion evaluation should be available near April 2020
 - iii. Remedial investigation (RI) contract is on track for an award by the end of September 2020 and possibly may be awarded early in August 2020. The contract also includes options for interim remedial actions.
 - iv. The Air Force has included two specific interim remedial actions: expansion of the capture fields to better control migration of PFOS and PFOA at the former fire training area FT002 site by Clark's Marsh and the central treatment system (CTS). These actions are an integral part of the remedial investigations.
 - v. The Air Force will collect data to verify the design parameters for these actions, and in consultation with EGLE, verify work plans for these actions along with the design and installation of the possible interim remedial actions
 - vi. There was discussion between Air Force and Oscoda Township on the how long it will take for a PFAS remedy. There was discussion over the timing of remedies and the timing and definition of a comprehensive remedy. Some PFAS remedies have already been installed at the former WAFB. Air Force identified that unknowns remain since this is an iterative process, which can present challenges for scheduling. However, Air Force plans to submit a detailed schedule to EGLE and the RAB for 2020 and 2021.
 - vii. Air Force hopes to have a contractor on board in the next two months to evaluate the Mission Street discharge fee. Oscoda Township would like to receive payment from Air Force for the Mission Street groundwater treatment system discharge and is frustrated with the length of time it is taking to evaluate. There was discussion between Air Force, Oscoda Township, and EGLE on the topic. Oscoda Township was advised last year that the Air Force would have to conduct an engineering and legal evaluation of the fee once it was requested.
- c. EGLE, RRD Bay City District Office-Oscoda Area
 - i. Staff have received the lab analytical results for the April 2020 sampling completed at the AuSable Twp and Oscoda Area investigation sites. Data will be reviewed and compared to prior sample results. A summary of the data will be posted on the MPART website in June.
- d. EGLE Water Resources Division, former WAFB-Oscoda Area
 - i. No Updates

- e. USDA-FS
 - i. No updates
- f. MDHHS
 - i. No updates
- g. DHD2
 - i. DHD2 discussed that they were still discussing with the path forward with a homeowner near Van Etten Lake. During the recent MDHHS residential well sampling the concentration of total PFAS in the homeowners residential well was above 70 ppt. Note: The result is 72 ppt for Total PFAS and below the Lifetime Health Advisory for combined PFOA and PFOS.
 - ii. Oscoda Township was concerned that this residential well results was not shared.
 - iii. State agencies discussed that this result was previously shared.
- h. OWAA: No update
- i. Oscoda Township: No update
- j. Au Sable Township: No update
- k. Community RAB
 - i. The community RAB is holding internal work sessions
 - ii. The community RAB would like to discuss the co-chair election and topics for the next RAB.
 - iii. The community RAB discussed reviewing changes to the operating procedures and the action item tracker that were sent to them by the Air Force on Apr 15, 2020.
 - iv. The community RAB has submitted comments on ESI report to Air Force
 - v. Air Force responded in an email and will address comments during the RI.
 - vi. Air Force plans to submit the draft minutes from the April 15, 2020 as early as next week.
 - vii. Once received, the community RAB plans to turn around the draft minutes in a few weeks
 - viii. The community RAB was hoping to discuss an ecological topic with MDNR.
 - ix. EGLE RRD planned to email for clarification and follow up with MDNR and the community RAB.
- l. Elected Official Liaisons & others
 - i. No update