# Bishop Tube Company Site May 18, 2017 Meeting Summary

**Attendance in person:**

**EPA:** Karen Melvin, Linda Dietz, Steve Hirsh, Yazmine Yap-Deffler, Chris Vallone, Kinsasha Brown

**Delaware River Network (DRN):** Maya Van Rossum (River Keeper), Dee Turner (Attorney for DRN)

**Valley Forge Trout Unlimited**: Pete Goodman

**PADEP - Calling in:** Patrick Patterson, Ragesh Patel, Virginia Cain, Sachin Shankar, Andy Hartzell, Bonnie Mcclennen

**Former Union President at Bishop Tube - Calling in –** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**Summary of Meeting:**

**DRN:** Maya began the discussion by clarifying DRN's concerns about the cleanup at the Bishop Tube Site and the proposed remediation for redevelopment from the O'Neill Developers. Maya was also concerned as far as EPA's involvement at the site (past and future) and what assistance they can provide to PADEP.

**PADEP:** Bonnie provided a background of PADEP's involvement at the site mentioning it was listed as PA/PL (PADEP's Priority list). PADEP started the investigation at the site in 1999 by characterizing soil, groundwater, and looking for PRPs. In 2005 there was a Perspective Purchase Agreement (PPA) with CDP. In 2008-2009 Johnson Matthey, Inc. and Whittaker Corp. started to perform their remediation at the site. PADEP is currently waiting for a final remediation investigation report and a feasibility study from Johnson Matthey's Consultants (Roux Associates). PADEP will then select a remedy and open that up to the public for comment. There are 3 main hot spots that need to be addressed and excavated, but if new hot spots are found, CDP is responsible. Timeline for the Feasibility Study is within one month of the remedial investigation report. PADEP is in the process of updating a website which informs the public of the status of the cleanup and should be live shortly.

**EPA:** Chris provided a background of EPA's involvement at the site. The site is in SEMS and a preliminary assessment, site inspection, removal assessment and draft HRS package was performed at the site. In 1996 the commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not concur with listing the site on the NPL. In 1999 EPA placed an Other Cleanup Activity (OCA) qualifier on the site which recognized PADEP as the primary regulatory authority for the cleanup at the site. EPA's current involvement is working cooperatively with PADEP and meeting twice a year to discuss updates at the site (among other sites). Should conditions change such that federal superfund involvement becomes necessary, EPA will work with PADEP to determine an alternative approach for addressing the site.

**DRN:** The community wants to know EPA's involvement and would like to see EPA attend a municipality meeting taking place on June 7th at 7:30 PM at the middle school (Pete Goodman will follow up with more details). The municipality initially supported the redevelopment, but now is concerned due to the large community concerns at the site. The community is very concerned about the strength of the cleanup and wants to see a full cleanup at the site.

**EPA:** Karen said EPA has to work with cooperatively with our state partners and we will talk with PADEP and see what EPA can offer as help. EPA will offer assistance to PADEP to see if we can work together and get to the end of this and update DRN along the way.

**DRN:** Maya has a series of letters she submitted to PADEP and has not received responses on. Maya will take the packet of submittals and send to EPA as well as the link to the website showing the timeline. Contamination at the beautiful wetland creek children play in and groundwater contamination cannot have 220 properties developed there.

**Action Items:**

- **DRN will submit a package to EPA including a series of letters DRN submitted to PADEP, a website link to the video of the April 19, 2017 meeting with the community, and information to access PADEP's website to the Bishop Tube page.**

- **EPA will set up a site specific meeting regarding the Bishop Tube Company site to offer assistance in the cleanup and discuss possible alternative cleanup responses.**