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Subject: RE: Bishop Tube
Attachments: 2015 Bishop Tube Site Update.pdf

Hi Karen,

Per your request. Here's the information on the Bishop Tube site. Also attached is a 2015 Site Update summarizing the response actions at Bishop Tube.

Bishop Tube Timeline

8/1/1980 – EPA discovered the site in SEMS

11/1/1983 – EPA's Preliminary Assessment

6/25/1985 – EPA's Site Inspection – Higher Priority for further assessment

1/13/1995 – EPA's Removal Assessment

8/1995 - Draft Hazard Ranking System (HRS) package was created a site score of Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

3/14/1996 - The draft HRS package was not formally reviewed and finalized since the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania no longer supported listing the site on the NPL

11/30/1999 – Other Cleanup Activity – EPA recognized PADEP as primary regulatory oversight

3/17/2005 – A Consent Order and Agreement went into effect between PADEP and Constitution Drive Partners (Developer). 1st amendment to the order was on 1/22/2007 and 2nd amendment to the order was 6/4/2010

Currently - Site is in SEMS as an active OCA with PADEP being the lead agency on the site & cleanup. Part of SAM's workshare sites. PADEP very active on the site and in the process finding the extent of the plume downgradient. PADEP suggest to keep the site status in SEMS as OCA (Other Cleanup Activity) in case they want to pursue NPL route again in the future.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Yaz

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Yaz, can you let me know if we have looked at this (or better yet, NFRAP'ed it)? Joan, can you find out if this is the subject of regulatory enforcement too?

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Hi Karen,

Thanks so much for looking into this for me. These are all the links that were sent to me by a former constituent from Lower Merion- she is the blogger at Chester County Ramblings - who moved to that area. I spared you most of her lengthy email but left the bit about the testimony given to DEP. I am inquiring about that specifically with DEP. I will be most grateful for any light you might be able to shed on this situation.

http://municipalmeeting.com/video/March-8-2017-East-Whiteland-Board-of-Supervisors/7327f3093bd169305afdfab7af8417d1

https://www.scribd.com/document/341874445/Delaware-Riverkeeper-Network-ZHB-Letter-3-15-17-DRN-Comment-With-Attachments

The DEP seems to communicate with residents, communicate here and communicate there yet it's like after 2008 it is hard to find anything public about Bishop Tube. The site is ugly and they have had the ability for YEARS to really go after the actual contaminators of the site. They know they can't just do residential remediation here - they have had former employees give them testimony. Two of those former employees showed up at the supervisors meeting last week. One who is about 61 looks significantly older. He has health issues being attributed to TCE. And there are more. Years ago people tried to get a cancer cluster documented, it sort of disappeared somewhere.

http://www.dailylocal.com/article/20011024/FINANCE01/310249975

https://chestercountyramblings.com/2017/03/14/the-delaware-riverkeeper-opines-on-bishop-tube-to-east-whiteland-zoning-hearing-board/

https://chestercountyramblings.com/2017/03/09/calling-erin-brockovich/

http://www.dailylocal.com/article/DL/20070604/tmp01/306049981

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