Message

From: Hamblin, Patrick [hamblin.patrick@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/1/2017 7:11:46 PM
To: Wolfe, Stephen [wolfe.stephen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NON RESPONSIVE Warren Steel Holdings

Steve,

Thank you for the update. OEPA did not propose site assessment activities at the Warren Steel site in the current Site Assessment Cooperative Agreement application. I had spoken with Chris Osbourne at OEPA about the possibility of conducting assessment activities at the site in place of other deliverables in their CA work plan. My understanding is that OEPA did not want to pursue that at this time because they are currently monitoring the site under RCRA authorities, and RCRA sites are generally not eligible for pre-remedial assessment. I think this decision could be revisited later, depending on the findings and nature of RCRA involvement. Chris Osbourne at OEPA said the OEPA point of contact is Sue Netzley-Watkins, 330-963-1201.

Please let me know if you have any questions, thanks,

Pat

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Subject: RE: NON RESPONSIVE Warren Steel Holdings

Hi Pat,

Just an FYI – I got out to warren Steel to conduct a removal assessment

We will be focusing on the hazardous waste in containers, some pcb oil in a pit, and investigating some transformers for potential PCB contamination.

Some of the items I saw out there that probably will not fall under us would be the an area covered in "large" piles of waste (and by large I mean 10(?+) thousand cubic yards – kind of what we talked about before) – OEPA took samples and they did not indicate a hazardous waste. Also several thousand cubic yards of lime piles and miscellaneous issues throughout the site.

I did have to take emergency actions on Friday as a dike was filled to the top with acidic liquid.

My management wants to be sure that I am coordinating with you – so were you able to see if the site was eligible for any possibility of CERCLA pre-remedial site assessment money?

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: NON RESPONSIVE & Warren Steel Holdings

Based on follow up earlier this summer when we were asked about the site while I was on detail, my counterpart at OEPA is not sure that it is a CERCLA site because of the potential RCRA involvement. OH is also involved in a state-lead clean up.

We can start to look at it under site assessment, but we would eventually need to resolve the RCRA involvement because RCRA corrective actions are not eligible for CERCLA pre-remedial site assessment.

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From: Wolfe, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 11:26 AM
To: Hamblin, Patrick <hamblin.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NON RESPONSIVE Warren Steel Holdings

Ok thanks – I was confused with a June meeting.....

Sherry Slone from OEPA is going to meet me out there on Monday so I will get some more information from her

The only thing I found that our RCRA was involved is attached

Thanks,

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Sorry, I meant to write a cover for this email before I sent it to you. It discusses some additional follow up with OEPA when the site was brought to our attention in spring.

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From: Osborne, Chris
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 1:09 PM
To: 'Brauner, David' <brauner.david@epa.gov>
Subject: NON RESPONSIVE Warren Steel Holdings

Hi David,

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Second, I have a note from a call you and I had last week regarding Warren Steel holdings - whether it is subject to RCRA and about USEPA possibly doing a PCS and then Ohio EPA doing a PA next grant cycle?

I followed up on this site with NEDO (it's a northeast district site) but I'm not sure I shared what I learned with you? In short, NEDO suggests getting a determination from USEPA RCRA on whether the site is subject to RCRA corrective action. It is a very complex site with a fairly convoluted ownership history. It is also known as Copperweld within Ohio EPA and we are currently looking at implementing a remedy on some sludge ponds. If, after talking to your RCRA folks you decide to do a PCS, then Ohio EPA will do the PA. However, we are not sure if it really is a CERCLA site.

Let us know what you find out, though and we can go forward from there.

Thanks,
Chris

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