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Freedom Industries announced the appointment of a Chief Reorganization Officer by the Bankruptcy Court. He will ultimately replace the current facility president for future facility remediation decisions.

The facility continues to pump water from outside the containment wall. They have pumped out all liquid material from the fatty acid tanks. Only a small amount of fatty acid solid heels remain.

The facility is still pursuing testing for on-site treatment of the waste water stored in the large facility tanks. Approximately 50K gallons of waste water remains in Poca storage tanks. This water contains maybe 4% MCHM. They are still pursuing the WVDEP for direct discharge permit of the suspected clean water stored at the Freedom facility. Waste water treatment facilities still refuse to accept any water, even though the most recent sample indicated non-detect for the water entering from outside the containment area. Status with treatment/disposal facilities – trial runs will commence with three commercial facilities.

Tanks 404 and 405 have been emptied and cleaned for additional onsite water storage. Approximately 7,000 gallons is collected each day.

Remediation plan has been submitted (March 17th, 2014) to the WVDEP. Per WVDEP Order # 8034 the proposed work details the plan to dismantle above ground tanks, associated piping, machinery, and appurtenances associated with the bulk storage operations at the facility. Approval to begin is likely a few weeks away. The facility is currently planning to obtain three competitive bids from demolition contractors.