



**Benner Township
GTAC7-4-106
WebEx Meeting Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 21, 2021: 10:30 – 11:10 AM**

Call-In Info:

Meeting number (access code): 2490 264 1722

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Attendees:

Cheryl Sinclair – PADEP Project Geologist

John Ciccone – PADEP Project Officer

Tom McMonagle – HDR GTAC Program Manager

Matt Blanchard – HDR Project Manager

Vince Carbone – HDR Project Geologist

Meeting agenda was provided by HDR on Monday, December 20, 2021

1. Status/Updates for Access Agreements

- a. An Access Agreement for the State of the Art Property (SOTA) and the Matreya, LLC property has been approved. The PADEP is working with the property owners at Enterprise Car Rental and Canon Instruments to finalize the Access Agreement. PADEP anticipates that this step could take several months to complete. The PADEP would prefer to move forward with the soil sampling investigation for the properties that have granted access.
- b. Penn State University (PSU) commenced the soil sampling investigation on the University Park Airport (UPA) property this week.

- c. The PADEP has been in communication with representatives of PSU regarding the status of the Access Agreement negotiations with the property owners along High Tech Road.

2. Discussion of Soil Investigation Planning

- a. PADEP and HDR agreed to move forward with the soil investigation for the background location, the SOTA property and the Matreya property.
- b. Only one (1) background boring will be installed at 1025 Rock Road in Benner Township.
- c. The PADEP would consider soil boring locations in the Right-of-Way (ROW) along High Tech Road. HDR will review potential areas and discuss with Benner Township. HDR will forward the proposed boring locations to the PADEP for their approval.
- d. The PADEP recently completed a residential well sampling event in the area. One of the areas included the Walnut Grove development located south of UPA. A water sample was also collected from a well north of the Rock Road background sample area, and from the well located at the Benner Spring Fish Hatchery.
- e. HDR will assess the UPA drainage and propose a soil boring location in the Walnut Grove residential development provided that there's a ROW or property owned by Benner Township within or near the development.
- f. HDR estimates that the soil sampling investigation should be completed in one to two days.
- g. Once access to the Canon and Enterprise properties is available, another mobilization event with the driller may be necessary to install more borings. HDR will assess the budget status to determine if Change Order is necessary.

3. Field Schedule

- a. The PADEP would like to move forward with the field investigation as soon as possible.

- b. HDR will contact the drilling subcontractor to obtain some potential start dates.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. The PADEP is in communication with the PADEP South Central Regional Office Project Officer regarding the PFAS study at Newberry Township. The PADEP is open to considering additional analytical PFAS parameters, fingerprinting, etc. for the Benner Township project.
- b. HDR notified the PADEP that we have an in-house PFAS resource that specializes in PFAS sampling and assisted in the development of a PFAS Sampling Guidance Document for members of the American Water Works Association (AWWA). The PADEP requested HDR to provide some pages of the document.
- c. HDR recommended that the list of four (4) PFAS parameters is sufficient for the soil investigation. As more analytical data sets become available, the PADEP and HDR can review and recommend if additional parameters should be added during future investigations.

5. Action Items

- a. HDR will provide the PADEP with a list of the analytical parameters proposed for the GTAC Newberry PFAS project.
- b. HDR will contact Benner Township to discuss the location of the ROW or properties that are owned by the township.
- c. HDR will provide the PADEP with a copy of the AWWA PFAS Sampling Guidance Document.
- d. HDR will contact the drilling contractor to get some possible start dates.
- e. HDR will provide the PADEP with an updated soil investigation map with additional boring locations.
- f. HDR will submit the Final Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP) and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).