Cline Avenue Ditch, Gary, Indiana

CARE Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2020
1:00-3:00 PM CDT
Agenda

- Background
- On-Going Activities
- Focused Feasibility Study (FFS)
- Final Design
- Schedule
- Public Comment
The area of investigation is located northeast of Gary Avenue and Cline Avenue (Indiana Route 912) in Gary, Indiana and is owned by NBD Bank Trust.

Surrounding area is heavily industrialized.

The ditch is located along the western edge of the investigation area and was constructed by INDOT in the 1960s to manage surface water run-off from Cline Avenue and surrounding industrial areas.

The ditch drains from north to south.

The property use is already encumbered with several buried and overhead utilities directly east of ditch.
• On March 3, 2017, Oxy USA entered into an agreement with USEPA, to:
  – Continue booming maintenance
  – Continue bird deterrent
  – Conduct focused investigations to support the assessment of potential remedial actions designed to prevent oil from discharging to the ditch
On-Going Activities

- Booming maintenance
- Wildlife deterrent (bird taping, vegetation control within ditch, predator replicas)
- Inspections
- Water level gauging
- Groundwater monitoring
Focused Feasibility Study (FFS)

Preferred Alternative 3

USEPA approved FFS, June 16, 2020
Considerations

• Health & Safety Plan including COVID measures
• Water-tight pipe – 96-inch diameter and 750 feet long
  – Prevent infiltration
• Anti-seepage collars in pipe bedding – design includes 3
  – Eliminate potential migration into existing downstream pipe
• Install soil/bentonite wall
  – Extend potential preferential flow path
• Hydrocarbon stained material removal and disposal off-site
  – Mass removal to the extent practical
• Restoration using INDOT recommended seed mixes/blends
Schedule

- June 16, 2020 – FFS Approval
- July 13 to August 21, 2020 – Public comment period
- September (anticipated) – USEPA comment review/response/final decision
- USEPA Final Construction and Maintenance Plan approval
- Fall 2020 Construction
Comments on the proposed plan can be submitted between July 13 and August 21, 2020, in these ways:

- Online at https://www.epa.gov/in/cline-avenue-ditch-site
- By phone, toll-free at 800-621-8431, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays
- By mail or email to: Janet Pope, community involvement coordinator, USEPA Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604, 312-353-6028, pope.janet@epa.gov

For additional information on the Cline Avenue Ditch Site, visit https://www.epa.gov/in/cline-avenue-ditch-site.