

The next Community Focus Group meeting to discuss updates on cleanup efforts, concerns from Hartford residents, and outline future cleanup plans is scheduled for March 29, 2022 at 4:45PM. This meeting will be held using a virtual platform. For information regarding the Community Focus Group Meeting and accessing the virtual platform, please contact Monte McKillip at 402-326-2448 or access the Hartford Community Website at <https://hartfordcommunityfocusgroup.org>

Apex Oil Company, Inc. (Apex) is working collaboratively with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to remediate petroleum contamination under the northern portion of the Village of Hartford. This post card provides a routine update to Hartford residents and business owners regarding our progress. Between December 2021 and February 2022, Apex performed the following activities in Hartford:

- 1.** Maintenance was performed within operating soil vapor extraction wells and transmission lines to improve collection of underground gasoline vapors. In addition to routine maintenance, historic horizontal transmission lines leading to the main system vault were chemically descaled and flushed to improve vapor recovery, and extraction well controls and assemblies were replaced in three wells.
- 2.** Apex operated the soil vapor extraction system located beneath the northern portion of Hartford. This system collects and treats underground gasoline vapors before they can move up through the soil into basements. The system operated nearly continuously between December 2021 and February 2022.
- 3.** Maintenance was performed on the treatment system located at East Birch Street to improve recovery of gasoline vapors. This included disposal of treated groundwater, cleaning and recovering gasoline from the oil-water separator, and removal of accumulated sediment from the water treatment system.
- 4.** In-home monitoring was performed in 25 buildings in Hartford, with each structure checked at least once between December and February for possible gasoline vapors. The data showed that there was one occupied home and one vacant home with gasoline vapors present just beneath the basement and potentially inside the building. The structures were ventilated, mitigation measures performed, and maintenance completed within nearby soil vapor extraction wells. Gasoline vapors were not present within any of the other 23 buildings monitored in the northern portions of the Village between December 2021 and February 2022.
- 5.** Groundwater samples were collected from seven monitoring locations during the first quarter of 2022. In addition, quarterly fluid levels were measured within 346 monitoring locations in January to confirm that groundwater flow beneath Hartford is away from the Village of Hartford drinking water supply area. Both the gauging and laboratory results confirm that contamination has not migrated from the northern portion of Hartford towards the public water supply wells.
- 6.** Nine vacant structures were demolished within the northeastern portion of the Village of Hartford between December 2021 and February 2022. Five additional vacant structures were demolished in March 2022, and the properties are currently being restored with grass seed.



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