

**The next Community Focus Group meeting to discuss updates on cleanup efforts, concerns from Hartford residents, and outline future cleanup plans is scheduled for June 21, 2021 at 4:45PM at the Hartford Community Center. 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 January and March 2021, 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. This included routine cleaning of soil vapor extraction well screens, stingers, and transmission lines, as well as routine repairs to well control components.
- 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 January and March 2021.
- 3.** Maintenance was performed on the new treatment system located at East Birch Street to improve recovery of gasoline vapors. This included disposal of treated groundwater, replacement of a transfer pump, cleaning and recovering gasoline from the oil-water separator, and removal of accumulated sediment from the water treatment system.
- 4.** Quarterly vapor screening was performed within 190 monitoring locations in February to track effectiveness of the soil vapor extraction system.
- 5.** In-home monitoring was performed in 22 buildings in Hartford, with each structure checked at least once between January and March for possible gasoline vapors. The data showed that there were 2 occupied homes and 1 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 19 buildings monitored in the northern portions of the Village during the first quarter of 2021.
- 6.** Groundwater samples were collected from monitoring locations near the Village of Hartford drinking water wells in February 2021, as well as from 12 other monitoring locations during the first quarter of 2021. In addition, fluid levels were measured quarterly within more than 335 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.



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