

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 28, 2022 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 March and May 2022, Apex performed the following activities in Hartford:

- 1.** Maintenance was performed within operating 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.
- 2.** Apex operated the 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 March and May 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 19 buildings in Hartford, with each structure checked at least once between March and May for possible gasoline vapors. The data showed that there were four occupied homes 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 extraction wells. Gasoline vapors were not present within any of the other 14 buildings monitored in the northern portions of the Village between March and May 2022.
- 5.** Groundwater samples were collected from monitoring locations near the Village of Hartford drinking water wells in April 2022, as well as from eight other monitoring locations during the second quarter 2022. In addition, quarterly fluid levels were measured within 325 monitoring locations in April to confirm that groundwater flow beneath Hartford is away from the Village of Hartford drinking water supply area. Both the fluid level gauging and laboratory results confirm that the public water supply remains free from any contamination present in the northern portion of Hartford.



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