

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 29, 2023 at 4:45 PM at the Hartford Community Center. For information regarding cleanup efforts, concerns from Hartford residents, and future cleanup plans, 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 postcard provides a routine update to Hartford residents and business owners regarding our progress. Between April and June 2023, Apex performed the following activities in Hartford:

- 1.** 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 April and June 2023.
- 2.** Maintenance was performed within operating extraction wells and transmission lines to improve collection of underground gasoline vapors. This included routine cleaning of the total phase extraction well screens, stingers, and transmission lines, as well as repairs to well control components.
- 3.** Maintenance was performed on the treatment system located on East Birch Street to improve recovery of gasoline vapors. This included disposal of treated groundwater, recovering gasoline from the oil-water separator, and removal of accumulated sediment from the water treatment system.
- 4.** Quarterly vapor screening was performed in 179 monitoring locations in May 2023 to track the effectiveness of the total phase extraction system.
- 5.** In-home monitoring was performed in 18 buildings within Hartford, with each structure checked at least once between April and June 2023 for possible gasoline vapors. The data showed that there were two 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 at nearby extraction wells. Gasoline vapors were not present within any of the other 15 buildings monitored in the northern portions of the Village during this time frame.



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