

The next Community Focus Group meeting to discuss updates on cleanup efforts, concerns from Hartford residents, and outline future cleanup plans is scheduled for September 27, 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 June and August 2022, 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 June and August 2022.
- 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. Annual inspection and maintenance of the treatment system components was performed in June 2022.
- 4.** In-home monitoring was performed in 16 buildings in Hartford, with each structure checked at least once between June and August for possible gasoline vapors. The data showed that there were two occupied homes with gasoline vapors present just beneath the basement, but not inside of the building. Maintenance at nearby extraction wells was completed to prevent the vapors from entering the buildings. Gasoline vapors were not present within any of the other 14 buildings monitored in the northern portions of the Village between June and August 2022. (*Vapors were measured inside of two of these 14 buildings but were attributed to other sources, including a natural gas leak.)
- 5.** Groundwater samples were collected from nine monitoring locations between June and August 2022. In addition, quarterly fluid levels were measured within 325 monitoring locations in July 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 contamination has not migrated from the northern portion of Hartford towards the public water supply wells.



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