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Soil Vapor Extraction Well Connection and Structure Demolition

Hartford Area Hydrocarbon Plume Site Hartford, Illinois

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A soil vapor extraction system was installed beneath the northern portions of the Village of Hartford in 1992 to collect and remove petroleum vapors from the beneath the ground. The original system was replaced with a larger extraction system in 2005. The current soil vapor extraction system, which operates continuously, is made up of approximately 120 wells. Apex Oil Company, Inc. (Apex) is currently in the process of installing and connecting nine additional soil vapor extraction wells to the current system to further improve the operation of the system. Connection of these wells will continue throughout the month of June. The connection activities will require construction crews to install trenches and underground piping in portions of the roadways, alleys, sidewalks, and private property near each well.

Additionally, Apex is planning to demolish several residential structures located in the Village of Hartford. All these properties are owned by Apex and are currently vacant. These residential structures will be demolished, the building materials will be removed, clean soil will be brought in to fill any holes, and the remaining ground will be seeded. Many of these structures are being removed to make space for future remediation equipment. Most of the structures are in poor condition and cannot be repaired in a cost-effective manner. Construction crews have been in the Village preparing these structures for demolition. These demolition activities will continue throughout the Summer months and are expected to be complete by Fall.

Apex is working closely with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Village of Hartford to minimize the inconvenience and disruption to the community as a result of these activities. We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we conduct these activities.

