



# **Stakeholder Information Plan**

*Amphenol Corp./Franklin Power Products Site*

*City of Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana*

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## Introduction

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 has developed this Stakeholder Information Plan to convey the Agency's planned outreach regarding environmental cleanup efforts at the former Amphenol Corp./Franklin Power Products site located at 980 Hurricane Road in Franklin, Johnson County, Ind. Discussions with the public have indicated a desire for more frequent and open communication regarding our ongoing sampling and cleanup efforts at both the facility and adjacent neighborhood. EPA will be soliciting input from the community and adjusting this plan as needed.

EPA values the concerns of community members and stakeholders living near or otherwise interested in the Amphenol site and wants to ensure they are kept informed about developments in the work completed there.

EPA will continue to consult with local, state, and other federal agencies to remediate the Amphenol site. Agency goals for engaging with the community regarding the site are as follows:

- Assist the public in understanding EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action program during the investigation and cleanup.
- Give the public timely and understandable information as the project moves forward.
- Ensure that residents are given adequate opportunities to provide EPA with informed and meaningful input.
- Take into consideration community questions and concerns throughout the entire process.

## Contacting EPA

Any member of the community who has questions about this Stakeholder Information Plan or EPA's response actions at the Amphenol site should contact the appropriate representatives below:

### **For general questions:**

Kirstin Safakas  
Community Involvement Coordinator  
312-886-6015  
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### **For community outreach:**

Rafael P. Gonzalez  
Community Involvement Coordinator  
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### **For technical information:**

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Project Manager  
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You may also call EPA toll-free at 800-621-8431, weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## EPA-Led Community Engagement Efforts to Date

Our initial investigation and cleanup efforts at the Amphenol site occurred under two separate Administrative Consent Orders issued under the Agency’s RCRA Corrective Action program in the 1990s. The most recent sampling and cleanup began in July 2018. Relevant historical information, prior to 2018, can be found on our website (<https://www.epa.gov/in/amphenolfranklin-power-products-franklin-ind>). We have been providing information to the community about the latest response actions at the Amphenol site via the following EPA-led efforts:

Effort	Purpose & Content	Date
EPA issues new vapor intrusion guidance	Updated guidance for assessing and mitigating vapor intrusion pathways from subsurface vapor sources to indoor air.	June 2015
Phone call with Edison Wetlands Association (EWA)	Discussed environmental issues in Franklin with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and EWA.	June 24, 2018
Study area identified	Defined our study area around the Amphenol site.	July 2018
Ambient air documents and maps posted online	Provided the public with air sampling workplans and results, included detailed maps.	July – August 2018
“New Investigation at Amphenol Site” fact sheet released	Informed the community that new sampling would take place around the Amphenol site.	August 2018
“Outdoor Air Levels” fact sheet released	Informed the community of the outcome regarding outdoor air samples collected at the Amphenol site fence line and the groundwater recovery system effluent vent.	August 2018
EPA public meeting	Partnered with Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), announcing renewed sampling at the site.	Aug. 3, 2018
Door hangers	Notified residential properties in study area of future sampling activity.	August 2018 <i>(ongoing)</i>
Access agreements	Requested homeowner access for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vapor intrusion air sampling.</li> <li>• Sampling results.</li> <li>• Plumbing system repairs.</li> <li>• Mitigation system installation.</li> </ul>	August 2018 <i>(ongoing)</i>

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Sewer vapor documents and maps posted online	Provided the public with sewer vapor sampling workplans and results, including analytical tables and maps.	September – November 2018
Groundwater documents and maps posted online	Provided the public with groundwater sampling workplans and results, including analytical tables and maps.	September – November 2018
Press conference	Partnered with Franklin mayor and IDEM to announce initial testing results to the media.	Sept. 18, 2018
Sampling events	Sampled and re-sampled 30 homes; five mitigation systems installed; plumbing systems repaired in nine homes.	September 2018 – April 2019
EPA public information session	Provided updates about sampling/cleanup efforts and responded to community questions; featured an ATSDR presentation regarding local health concerns.	Nov. 28, 2018
Post-session debriefing	Held immediately following presentation at public information session. Asked for further insight on community needs.	Nov. 28, 2018
Listening session with EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG)	Listened to resident concerns over risk communication with EPA OIG.	May 8, 2019
EPA public meeting	Announced upcoming sewer work and path forward.	June 5, 2019
“Cleanups in My Community” website update	Changed outdated Environmental Indicators (EIs) from 2000 regarding “Current Human Exposures Under Control” and “Groundwater Under Control” to “not under control” based on recommendation from OIG; EIs will be updated using current data from recent sampling work.	July 1, 2019

## Community Engagement Path Forward

Moving forward, EPA wants to ensure community members know how to communicate with us regarding site sampling and cleanup. EPA will continue to hold public meetings, publish information online, and use other methods of outreach to provide necessary information to community members. Engagement methods that EPA plans to utilize are listed below:

### Public Meetings

While EPA is overseeing Amphenol's Corrective Action work, we plan to hold public meetings to inform the community about the status of the investigation, to provide the community with materials, and to engage in dialogue about these topics.

### Fact Sheets

While also posted on the website, fact sheets will be shared with the community to notify them about upcoming sampling and to communicate EPA's latest data and information.

### Door Hangers

This hands-on approach will notify residents that their neighborhood will undergo sampling or that cleanup efforts might impact areas around their property.

### Direct Mailing

This method will be used to communicate testing results to individual residents and to respond to inquiries from community groups.

### Mayor's Conference Call

EPA will continue to host a weekly conference call with the Franklin mayor to provide updates on the site. The city can share information from these phone calls via several avenues such as the city website, social media, or direct messaging.

### Stakeholder Group Conference Call

EPA will work with a neutral facilitator to convene a monthly conference call with residents and non-profits across the community, providing updates and information on site investigation and cleanup.

### Email Listserv

EPA has established an email listserv to communicate with community members as needed. To join, send an email to [amphenolsite-subscribe@lists.epa.gov](mailto:amphenolsite-subscribe@lists.epa.gov).

### Website

EPA's website will be regularly updated with new information, workplans, maps, and results (without personally identifiable information) and is generally a good resource for those members of the community seeking detailed technical data.

### Press Outreach

EPA will continue to work with the news media by responding to press inquiries.

## Appendices:

### *Appendix A – Amphenol Stakeholders*

Stakeholder	Description
U.S. EPA Region 5	Leads corrective action efforts; leads stakeholder engagement; provides information about sampling and cleanup efforts.
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG)	Reviews and audits EPA’s risk communication and outreach (through EPA HQ).
Amphenol Corp.	Responsible for sampling efforts and cleanup.
IWM Consulting Group-Amphenol’s Contractor	Responsible on behalf of Amphenol for sampling efforts; notifies residents of indoor air sampling and results; remedy construction.
Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett	Provides public statements regarding multiple Franklin-area environmental efforts; meets with EPA weekly via phone.
Local news media	Covers issues important to Franklin community, including Amphenol site sampling and cleanup activities.
Study area	Area south of the former Amphenol site having potential impacts from historical contamination.
Concerned community members/nonprofits	People with interests in or concerns about the Amphenol investigation within the greater Franklin area.
Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)	Oversees cleanup sites in other parts of Franklin and Johnson counties (not related to the Amphenol site).
Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)	Promotes public health and safety; operates Indiana State Cancer Registry and performs analyses of cancer rates.
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)	Focuses on minimizing health risks associated with hazardous substances; federal agency that works with EPA, ISDH, and IDEM to interpret data collected in Franklin; currently drafting a public health consultation on the Amphenol site.

## Appendix B – Non-Amphenol Resources

The following online resources contain additional information about other environmental cleanups and concerns in the greater Franklin area:

- *IDEM Franklin website* (<https://www.in.gov/idem/cleanups/2417.htm>)
  - Includes information about the Amphenol site but also includes other sampling efforts, links to data about Webb Wellfield, and general background about vapor intrusion investigations and volatile organic compounds.
- *ISDH Cancer Cluster website* (<https://www.in.gov/isdh/26882.htm>)
  - Offers information about cancer cluster investigations in the state and related policies.
- *ATSDR Vapor Intrusion fact sheet* ([https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/docs/svi\\_guidance\\_508.pdf](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/docs/svi_guidance_508.pdf))
  - Offers additional information about vapor intrusion and possible health impacts.
- *City of Franklin Facebook page* (<https://www.facebook.com/CityofFranklinInd/>)
  - Provides a platform for direct interactions between the city and its citizens.

## Appendix C – Miscellaneous Contacts

General contact information for:

### **Environmental Issues/Cleanups**

- *U.S. EPA Region 5 toll-free:* 800-621-8431
- *IDEM toll-free:* 800-451-6027
- *National Response Center (reporting a spill/environmental emergency):* 800-424-8802

### **Health/Site-Related Concerns**

- *Johnson County Health Department:* 317-346-4365
- *ISDH:* 317-233-9264
- *ATSDR:* 312-391-8258
- *IDEM:*
  - *Kevin Davis:* 317-234-4814 or [kdavis2@idem.in.gov](mailto:kdavis2@idem.in.gov)
  - *Ryan Clem:* 317-233-4927 or [rclem@idem.in.gov](mailto:rclem@idem.in.gov)

### **Locals**

- *City of Franklin:* 317-736-3602
- *Franklin Community Schools:* 317-346-8700