

Statement from Lawra Dodge 12/7/2020:

On 11/23/20, I received updated Figures from NYSDEC that were prepared by Langan in response to the agency's request for additional Figures and our request for Langan to prepare a cross-sectional view using the soil borings in the vicinity of the former thermometer factory and workshops. We have reviewed the Figures and have some comments that we will provide to the NYSDEC in the next day or so. I also spoke to the DEC Project Manager, Rafi Alam, who relayed that DEC has reviewed the additional information but is waiting for DOH to provide their feedback.

Rafi indicated that DOH has a lot on their plates right now but he is hopeful that they will have an internal DEC/DOH call by early next week to discuss whether or not, in the agencies view, the RI is sufficiently complete and whether any additional field investigation is warranted as part of the RI or, to the contrary, they will be requesting some additional investigation. After DEC and DOH have their internal discussion and have completed their review, Tom Fusillo and I will have another conference call with the agencies to discuss our comments on the supplemental Figures and the status of the RI overall, to relay our thoughts, and discuss the agencies findings. I will provide you an update after that conference call has occurred.

With respect to timing, I expect our follow up call with DEC/DOH to take place either right before the Christmas holiday or after the New Year. It depends on whether or not DEC/DOH complete their review by the end of next week. Rafi could not estimate when the draft RI Report would be submitted by Langan given that the agencies are still reviewing what has been submitted to date but the draft RI Report is clearly not going to be prepared for submission this calendar year.

I will provide DEC our comments on the supplemental Figures by week's end and will follow up to Rafi the middle of next week if I don't hear from him before that.