



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** FILE  
**FROM:** B. Ford

**SUBJECT:** Tank Car Corporation of America (TCCA) Site Public Meeting Notes;  
Summary of Public Comment; Response to Comment

**DATE:** Oct. 27, 2020

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This document contains a subset of the threshold documentation needed for the EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant application, including notes from our publicly advertised meeting; a summary of public comment received in response to the advertised availability of the Township’s draft application and Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives.

As advertised, on the evening of 10/19/2020 the Township hosted a public meeting regarding our proposed and draft application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant to be applied to the former TCCA site. The meeting was from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and was held virtual via the Zoom meeting platform due to social distancing guidelines and meeting restrictions.

The meeting has hosted by Township Manager Michael Taylor and myself; also in attendance were Commissioners Jonathon Cobb and James Lee, two local elected official for Springfield Township, as well as Michael McGowan and Randy Schick from BL Companies, an engineering and environmental services firm that is under contract with the Township to provide technical support and project management as the Township progresses the site through the Pennsylvania Voluntary Cleanup Program (Act 2).

In addition to posting information regarding the meeting and the opportunity for the public to learn about and comment on the Township’s pending grant submission, letters were hand delivered to each of the properties adjacent to the former TCCA site the week prior to the meeting (October 12, 2020).

A total of fourteen citizens attended, as shown on the included sign in sheet. After an introduction of township officials and the representatives from BL Companies by Township Manager Michael Taylor, Michael McGowan and Randy Schick provided a brief overview of the site and its nature as a former industrial property. The BL Companies representatives also informed the public about the technical aspects of the current Phase II environmental assessments as well as the project’s aim to remediate the site as a prerequisite for the eventual redevelopment of the area into a public park.

A summary of the hazardous building materials and waste disposal inventory was also shared and served as a justification for the activities covered as part of the Township’s Brownfields Cleanup Grant application.

Mary Margaret Burke, a resident, asked for clarification regarding the impact of the proposed abatement and demolition activity on the work that was completed as part of the EPA removal action that took place 2006-2011. Randy Shick of BL Companies responded in stating that the proposed work would not impact the capping that was put in place by the EPA in years prior.

Attendees also inquired into whether the Township and selected contractors for the project (if awarded) would have controls in place to mitigate the amount of dust and debris. Michael McGowan confirmed that controls would be in place and that the hazardous materials would be abatement prior to demolition. Those in attendance were also informed that the range of potential alternatives available to the Township for the former TCCA is quite limited; Michael McGowan continued by stating that the preferred approach to dealing with the site is to abate and demolish the buildings, and then cap the entire property with fresh soil.

Brandon Ford then educated the public about the Township's DRAFT EPA Brownfields Clean-up Grant application, funding amounts, and an estimated timeline should the grant be awarded. With no further questions from the public, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Those in attendance did not identify any concerns specific to cleanup strategy, nor make any formal comments that required written reply additional to the discussion we had about the timing of the project.

### **Comments Received and Response to Comment**

The Township did not receive any written, email, or telephone comments.