

TEXTRON ROCHESTER UPDATE

May 2012

Notice of Conservancy District Board Meeting

The South Richland Conservancy District Board of Directors will hold a meeting at the Fulton County Public Library's Rochester branch located at 320 W. 7th Street on Wednesday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. to receive an update on the water line project and groundwater remediation.

Update on Water Line Project

Textron is committed to providing residents a safe and reliable water supply in the area of the Torx plant and we continue to work to accomplish that goal. Textron intends to implement this objective through the extension of the existing City of Rochester water line, the purchase of City water, and the establishment of a Conservancy District. All costs would be paid by Textron and there would be no costs to property owners within the District.

Textron is currently in the process of applying for a construction permit from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to build the water line. The initial step in that process is the approval by IDEM of a water management plan for the line, which relates to its operation and maintenance. In response to IDEM's questions, Textron has been providing the agency detailed information regarding the system's planned operation. Upon approval of the water system management plan by IDEM, Textron will submit the construction permit to IDEM and they will complete its review of the details of the proposed construction itself. Following receipt of all approvals, Textron will proceed with the construction of the water extension, which is scheduled for installation in 2012.

Update on Groundwater Remediation Project

Textron is committed to the remediation of groundwater impacts in the vicinity of its former plant. Toward this end, Textron submitted to IDEM a feasibility study that evaluated five potential remedial alternatives to clean-up the groundwater. A bio-remediation alternative was recommended by Textron's environmental consultant, AMEC. This remedy would involve a series of injections into groundwater of a mixture of a food grade compound (ethyl lactate) at numerous points where the contaminant concentrations are highest to stimulate naturally occurring microorganisms to degrade chemicals in groundwater. The plan would also include a series of injections of a compound called zero valent iron into groundwater that, through chemical reaction, promotes the complete breakdown of chlorinated solvents in groundwater.

The proposed remedy was selected primarily because it should result in the quickest reduction of contamination levels. The injection compounds to be utilized are all safe for the environment and are commonly and successfully used at remediation projects across the country. IDEM has approved of the remedy, which will first be pilot tested at discrete areas within the planned remediation area to confirm its effectiveness and to make any necessary adjustments prior to full scale implementation. Textron is now preparing a work plan to conduct the pilot test for submittal to IDEM and will commence the test upon agency approval.

For additional information regarding the investigation, please visit our website at:
www.torxremediationproject.com

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