

FACT SHEET

Elliott Ditch Project Activities

Spring/Summer 2021

Question or Comments, Call 24 hours a day (317) 613-4514 or e-mail ElliottDitchQuestions@gmail.com

Background Information:

- Arconic Lafayette (Arconic) submitted a work plan to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5 for review and approval of Phase 2 environmental cleanup activities for Elliott Ditch.
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were used widely by electrical utilities and manufacturing industries across the nation as coolants, lubricants, electrical fluids, and in fire retardant materials from the 1950s to the early 1970s. PCBs were valued for their insulating qualities and were considered an important tool in safeguarding employees and the public against fire risks.
- The Lafayette Operations used hydraulic oils containing PCBs and phased out these materials in the mid-1970s.
- Previous investigations conducted by the U.S. EPA and Arconic revealed historical PCB impacts to some overbank soil and sediment deposits in Elliott Ditch.
- Arconic successfully completed the remediation of the Elliott Ditch Levee, located near the intersection of Brady Lane and Concord Road, from March 2020 to August 2020. Confirmation samples were collected to verify the clean-up goal was achieved for the project.
- An Interim Measures Work Plan (IMWP) was submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 in December 2020 for Phase 2 of cleanup activities which includes sediment and isolated soil within and along Elliott Ditch. Cleanup locations are provided on the attached figures.
 - PCB-impacted sediment and isolated soil will be removed via mechanical means (i.e., excavators, loaders, dozers, etc.). Sediment removal will require the installation of water control devices to manage Elliott Ditch surface water flow. In order to facilitate access, select tree/shrub removal will be required. Restoration activities will be completed following successful removal of sediment and soil to the clean-up goal.
- Arconic is in the process of obtaining Federal, State, and Local permits to implement the IMWP beginning late spring/early summer, 2021.

Next Steps:

- Arconic will be hosting a live, virtual presentation on February 2, 2021, via GoToWebinar. The virtual presentation can be accessed by visiting the project website and following the GoToWebinar link and login instructions (<http://elliottditchproject.cecinc.com>).

- The presentation will provide a summary of the Levee project completed in 2020, pertinent project information for the next phase of the clean-up, and an anticipated project schedule.
- If you are unable to attend, a recorded version of the presentation will be posted to the project website thereafter.
- Public comments regarding the IMWP will be accepted from February 2, 2021, to March 4, 2021. Public comments can be submitted by emailing ElliottDitchQuestions@gmail.com, or calling the Elliott Ditch hotline at (317) 613-4514.
- A copy of the IMWP can be viewed on the IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (<https://vfc.idem.in.gov>, Document No. 83081121), or on the project record repository at <http://elliottditchproject.cecinc.com>.
- Public computer and internet access is available at the Tippecanoe County Public Library – Downtown Library located at 627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana. This can be used to view project-related documents.
- Arconic will be contacting residents and businesses to request permission to access their properties, and in some places, to access the ditch in support of the cleanup effort.
 - Property owners whose property will need to be accessed to perform investigation and cleanup activities will be asked to sign a property access agreement.
 - Work undertaken related to the cleanup will be paid for by Arconic.
 - Following the completion of cleanup activities, private property will be restored.

Environmental and Health Impacts:

Specific questions about health impacts of PCBs should be directed to the U.S. EPA or IDEM. For more information regarding PCBs, visit the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's website at <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tf.asp?id=140&tid=26>.

Project Contact Information:

- The public may leave a message with their questions and comments regarding investigations or cleanup activities at (317) 613-4514 or ElliottDitchQuestions@gmail.com.
- Regulatory contacts for the project are:
 - Mr. Donald Stilz, IDEM Project Manager, at (317) 232-3409 or dstilz@idem.IN.gov.
 - Ms. Jean Greensley, U.S. EPA Region 5 Project Manager, at (312) 353-1171 or greensley.jean@epa.gov.
- The news media may contact Arconic's Tracie Gliozzi at Tracie.Gliozzi@arconic.com.
- Additional information is available on the project website <http://elliottditchproject.cecinc.com>.