



EMERSON POWER TRANSMISSION SITE UPDATE July 19, 2006

There have been a number of recent developments concerning the Emerson Power Transmission site investigation in the South Hill area. We wanted to make you aware of these latest activities and are available to help with any questions you might have at our toll-free number: (1-866-265-0634).

Emerson recently completed the fourth round of indoor air testing and an investigation of the sewer lines along Turner Place north of the Emerson Power Transmission (EPT) corporate headquarters. Emerson is proceeding with the implementation of a supplemental geophysical survey both on the EPT property and areas to the north and modifications to the existing groundwater remediation system on the EPT site. These activities have been approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). A brief summary of these activities follows:

Phase IV Indoor Air Testing

- A fourth phase of indoor air testing has been completed, which included the testing of 26 homes based on the Phase III indoor air assessment findings. Two homes were offered mitigation, at no cost to the homeowners. Results of the testing have been provided to home owners and a report summarizing the sampling activities and results will be submitted to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH in August 2006.

Turner Place Sewer Investigation

- In June 2006, an investigation was conducted to evaluate the soil quality along the sanitary sewer lines on Turner Place north of the EPT site. A total of 22 soil borings were installed along the two sanitary sewer lines and 25 soil samples were collected for laboratory analysis. A report describing the sampling activities and results will be submitted to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH in early August 2006.

Supplemental Geophysical Survey

- A supplemental geophysical survey will be conducted on the EPT plant site and in the South Hill Neighborhood beginning the week of July 24, 2006. The survey will be performed along public rights-of-ways and on selected residential properties where access has been granted. This work is designed to further characterize the subsurface geology and ground water flow pathways. A report detailing the survey and results will be provided to the NYSDEC in October 2006.

Remediation System Modifications

- Emerson is proceeding with the approved modifications to the existing groundwater remediation system located on the area of the fire water reservoir on the EPT site. These modifications will include the installation of additional extraction wells and new treatment equipment. We anticipate this work will be completed in the fall 2006. A report on the system modifications will be submitted to the NYSDEC in November 2006.

All documents relating to the ongoing investigation in Ithaca may be reviewed, as they become available, at the Tompkins County Public Library, 101 East Green Street, Ithaca, New York.