

## **Bishop Tube Public Comment Process Regarding DEP's Proposed Remedial Response Action Plan**

January 5, 2022

The Bishop Tube property has been the subject to a long period of environmental studies, reports, and reviews dating back to 1970's. In 1999 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designated the property as a Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act site, a.k.a. a HSCA site. This designation required the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to prepare and release an "Analysis of Alternatives and Proposed Response" a.k.a. the proposed remedial response action. This remedial action plan was released on September 24, 2021. The administrative record for public comment on the plan was opened the next day and the **comment period closes on January 31, 2022.**

Public comment is an important part of the process in finalizing the remedial response action. To date the Township has conducted two public meetings and the DEP has held their public hearing. Comments are still welcome and may be made to either the DEP, to East Whiteland Township or to both. Here is how to comment to the DEP:

Written comments can be submitted by sending them by mail to Dustin A. Armstrong, Environmental Protection Specialist at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401 or by email to [RA-EP-SEROECB@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EP-SEROECB@pa.gov). Please include "Bishop Tube Public Comment" in the subject of the email.

Comments and questions may be made to the Township via two methods. First, email [sbrown@eastwhiteland.org](mailto:sbrown@eastwhiteland.org) or at a January 20, 2022 public meeting (7 p.m.) of the Board of Supervisors.

The outcome of the public comment period is for the Township to submit written comments to the DEP. The Township will make comments based on its consultant's (BSTI) review of the plan, the guidance of the Township Solicitor, and input gathered from the public. The Board of Supervisors will determine the comments to provide to the DEP.

The upcoming January 20, 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors is the last public meeting the Township will hold prior to the end of the comment period. The primary purpose of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting is for BSTI to review possible comments with the Board of Supervisors and the public. After the meeting, comments will be finalized and submitted to the DEP.

For information regarding the remedial response plan and the Bishop Tube site please see the documents and links below:

1. From website – [DEP Proposes Remedial Action Plan](#)

2. [Remedial Action Plan AOA](#)
3. [DEP slides](#)
4. [From website - BSTI slides](#)
5. [Link to DEP website](#)