

# Philadelphia Refinery Legacy Remediation

## Public Involvement

March 31, 2021  
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.



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# Agenda

## **Welcome**

Katrina McCullough, GHD

## **Review of 2021 Submittals & Meetings**

Tiffani Doerr, Evergreen

## **Small Group Discussions**

## **Report Back from Small Groups**

Katrina McCullough, GHD

## **Closing Messages**

Tiffani Doerr, Evergreen

## **Meeting Expectations**

- Review reports due under Act 2 in 2021
- Initiate discussion on public outreach and engagement
- Gather initial community input on outreach and engagement

# Purpose of Today's Session

- Overview of 2021 schedule of Act 2 report submissions and meeting activities
- Community discussion on the public involvement process



# 2021 Activities and Schedule

## Act 2 Report Submittals

- Public Comment Remedial Investigation Report - March 31, 2021
- Area of Investigation (AOI) 9 Remedial Investigation Report Addendum – Q3 2021
- Area of Investigation (AOI) 4 Remedial Investigation Report Addendum – Q3 2021
- Fate and Transport Remedial Investigation Report – Q4 2021

## Public Meeting

- Q1 Public Meeting – March 31, 2021
- Q2 Public Meeting – June 2021
- Q3 Public Meeting – September 2021
- Q4 Public Meeting – December 2021

# 2021 Report Submittals

## Public Comment RIR – March 31, 2021

- Submitted to PADEP and EPA today and will be posted on the website
- Includes all public comments received from November 2019 to January 2021. Includes comments on previously submitted Act 2 Reports and all other topics.
- Received over 5,000 comments/questions. Over 200 *individual* comments/questions addressed in the RIR.
- Common themes:
  - Interest in the relationship between Hilco and Evergreen, and their cleanup responsibilities
  - Questions about groundwater, soil and air quality, and associated cleanup standards
  - Modeling of contaminants in the groundwater (incorporating climate change) and the final extent
  - Desire for improved public participation including two-way communication
- Will be reviewed by the PADEP and EPA within 90 days (approval/comment on past Act 2 Report topics only)



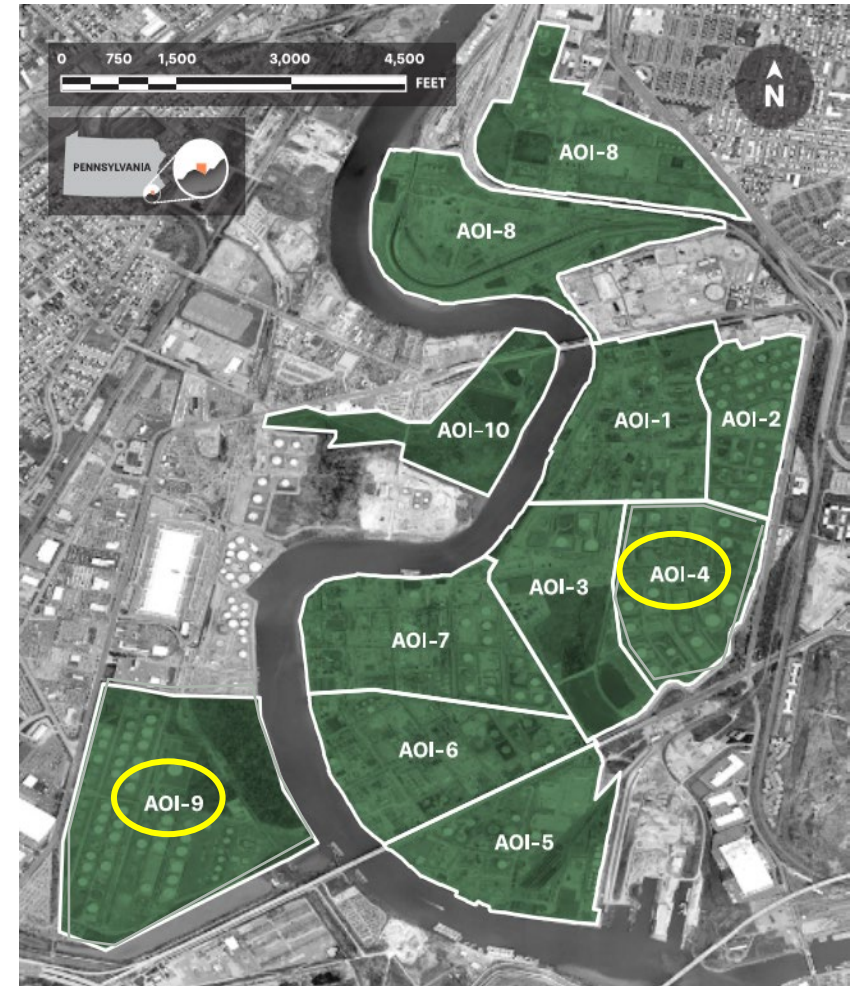
# 2021 Report Submittals (Continued)

- **AOI 4 & 9 RIR Addendums – September 30, 2021**

- Additional investigation done for off-site groundwater as requested by PADEP
- Public notices will be submitted to notify when the report will be available for public review and comment
- Will be reviewed by the PADEP and EPA for approval including public comments

- **Fate and Transport RIR – December 31, 2021**

- Representative of all RIR groundwater data and predictions of future conditions
- Will use groundwater model as basis of fate and transport evaluation
- Will consider climate change in modeling



# 2021 Public Meetings and Public Engagement

- 2021 Planned Meetings
  - **Quarterly public meetings** – specific topics to be determined.
    - Review of upcoming reports/schedule
    - Poll topics from the January meeting (GW Modeling/climate change, Vapor Intrusion/Air Quality, Remediation Options)
    - Items from outcome of today's discussion
  - **Joint** meeting with Hilco to discuss individual responsibilities.
- Ongoing Public Engagement Activities
  - Continue **email communications** – distribution list of approx. 900 and growing for report & meeting notices
  - Continue **plain language summaries** for all Act 2 Reports and translations of key documents
  - Add **general updates** and **schedule of activities** to website in addition to changes to create a user-friendly information hub
- A **New Beginning** to the public engagement process!
  - **Gather information** from today's discussion to improve Evergreen's outreach and engagement program. Information will be used to build upon the existing Public Involvement and Community Outreach Plans.
  - Retaining a **Community Engagement Consultant**, *Hummingbird Firm*, to conduct a needs assessment to develop the engagement plan with the community.

# Small Group Discussions



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# Today's Discussion Topics

## Public Involvement Activities

- How would like to get involved? What would make public involvement activities successful and meaningful for you?

## Learning

- How do you like to learn about the project (e.g. videos, factsheets, small group meetings)? How else can Evergreen help enhance communication of technical information?

## Input

- The community has identified many topics that are important to them. What are the 2-3 most important issues that you want Evergreen to focus on in the next 12-18 months?

## Communication

- How do you currently learn about Evergreen's activities? What methods of communication do you prefer? (e.g. emails, social media, website, text, mailer, etc.)
- Who is missing from the room? Are there people in the community who should be involved but aren't?

# What's Next

- **Reports and Meetings scheduled for 2021**
  - Schedule to be posted to the website plus notices
- **Public Engagement**
  - We'll gather all of the information from the meeting today and post on the website along with the presentation and recording of event
  - Introduce Hummingbird's public engagement consulting team
  - Consultant will reach out to community members to discuss and to develop an engagement plan
  - Goal to present the co-developed plan at the June public meeting
- For more information:
  - **Evergreen Website at [www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info](http://www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info)**
  - **Email Evergreen at [phillyrefinerycleanup@ghd.com](mailto:phillyrefinerycleanup@ghd.com)**
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# Thank you for your participation



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