

Public Information Strategy  
For  
Aero Transportation Products Site – McPherson, Kansas

## **1.0 Introduction**

The purpose of the public relations strategy for the Aero Transportation Products Site in McPherson, Kansas is to establish guidelines for planning, scheduling and implementing a Public Information Program (PIP). The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in cooperation with Aero Transportation Products, Inc. (ATP) will be responsible for implementation of the PIP.

## **2.0 Background**

The Aero Transportation Products Site is located at 1330 North Bypass, McPherson, McPherson County, Kansas. Several metals including arsenic, lead, and chromium have been detected in soil samples and tetrachloroethene (PCE) has been detected in groundwater samples collected at the Aero Transportation Products Site in a series of investigations beginning in 2005. The primary source of the groundwater contamination is believed to be in the vicinity of a former washwater underground storage tank. The primary sources of the soil contamination are believed to be from filler sand collected located in an encapsulated concrete basin under the former plating shop and in the vicinity of a former storage area of hazardous substances and soil piles. A public water supply well (City of McPherson Water Well #8) is located adjacent to the property and approximately 600 feet northeast of the suspected source area of PCE. In April 2010, ATP entered a Consent Agreement with KDHE for conducting Comprehensive Investigation, Corrective Action Study, and Corrective Action Tasks at the Site.

## **3.0 Public Information Program Activities**

KDHE will be responsible for providing a notice of availability of the Draft Corrective Action Decision (CAD) document and other supporting documentation that serves as the basis for the recommended corrective action. The notice, which announces the public comment period, will be published in the *McPherson Sentinel*. The period allowed for oral and/or written public comment will be thirty days. During the public comment period, KDHE may conduct an availability session to discuss the Draft CAD.

KDHE will prepare written responses to comments received during the public comment period as part of the Final CAD. The Final CAD, as well as other supporting documentation, is available for public inspection pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act. A notice of the availability of the Final CAD may be published in the *McPherson Sentinel* and/or the *Kansas Register*.

A news release to announce the successful remediation of the Aero Transportation Products Site may be published in the *McPherson Sentinel* upon KDHE approval of the Reclassification Plan.

## **4.0 Public Information Program Schedule**

The following is a tentative PIP schedule for the Aero Transportation Products Site. Specifically, upon completion of the Draft CAD, KDHE will publish a public notice of availability for this draft decision document and solicit oral and/or written comments during the 30-day public comment period. If an availability session is to be held during the public comment period, KDHE will make announcement of such in this same public notice. Through this process, the general public and other interested parties are given the requisite opportunity to provide input on the proposed corrective action strategy for the site before the CAD is finalized. As described in Section 3.0, the need for any additional news release(s) or availability session(s) related to this Site will be determined by KDHE.