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To Our Neighbors and Community:

AK Steel has been busy during the past several months collecting environmental data and developing plans to implement the remediation of PCB-contaminated soils and sediment in and around Dicks Creek.

Work has focused on the phytoremediation of Dicks Creek, gathering soil and groundwater data in the slag processing area, and testing floodplain soil and sediment samples from Dicks Creek, Monroe Ditch and outfall 002. Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more details.

Later this year, AK Steel plans to submit design reports to the U.S. EPA that will describe how the free product will be removed from Monroe Ditch, and address the PCB removal in the floodplain soil and sediment.

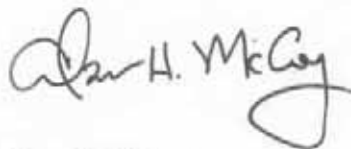
Cleanup of the slag processing area, Monroe Ditch, Dicks Creek floodplain and Dicks Creek will follow (in that order) to avoid recontaminating the streams. AK Steel will host another public meeting before dredging in Dicks Creek begins.

AK Steel must still prepare design reports detailing every aspect of the cleanup. As the documents are approved by the U.S. EPA, in consultation with Ohio EPA, the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council, they are placed in the Middletown Public Library for public review.

If you have any questions about the Dicks Creek cleanup, please call our toll-free environmental information line at 1-866-902-4AKS (4257) or visit the public information repository in the Middletown Public Library, 125 S. Broad Street.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Fact Sheet No. 9



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Introduction

This fact sheet highlights AK Steel's continuing efforts over the past several months to collect environmental data and develop plans to implement the remediation of PCB-contaminated soils and sediment in and around Dicks Creek. Some of the PCB clean up work is already underway, and much more will be visible in late 2008 and 2009.

Phytoremediation

Fact Sheet No. 7 previously outlined how a technique known as "phytoremediation" would be used to prevent PCB migration into Dicks Creek. AK Steel began planting trees, shrubs and grasses along the banks of Dicks Creek in October 2007, in accordance with the approved plan. The following work has been completed.

- Measuring instruments were installed to determine the baseline groundwater level.
- Problematic, invasive shrubby trees and plants like honeysuckle and reed canary grass growing along the banks were removed.
- The south bank of Dicks Creek was stabilized with angular stones placed parallel to the bank of the creek, and erosion control matting (as shown on the picture to the right).
- The target area was seeded with several species of grasses, forbs and legumes.
- More than 2,000 native trees, shrubs, and grasses including Willows, Sycamore, Boxelder, Eastern Cottonwood, Gray Dogwood, and Ninebark were planted.

AK Steel is conducting regular site visits to check plants, measure groundwater levels, and inspect for groundwater seeps. These inspections will continue for at least the next five years. So far, the phytoremediation technique appears to be working. Despite a wet spring with three flood events, the plantings have held up well.



Erosion control matting being spread along the south bank of Dicks Creek during the phytoremediation work.

Upland Sources - Slag Processing Area

As described in Fact Sheet No. 8, parts of the slag processing area (aka "Tube City IMS Area") are believed to be sources of PCBs in Monroe Ditch and Dicks Creek. From June 2007 through December 2007, AK Steel conducted further investigations in this area to help guide development of the remediation design plan. Descriptions of the field work and findings are highlighted below by source area. (see map on back)

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- Analyzed more than 150 soil samples from five locations, which defined the vertical and horizontal extent of PCBs.
- The Upland Soil Remediation Design Document was recently approved by the U.S. EPA. The excavation of contaminated soil is expected to occur this year.

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- Installed and sampled 7 new groundwater wells in July 2007 and 5 additional wells in February 2008, and monitored them monthly for baseline groundwater levels.

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Map of AK Steel's Interim Measure Work Areas in Middletown, Ohio

Upland Sources - Slag Processing Area

(continued from front)

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- Found free product (oily liquid) below the groundwater next to Monroe Ditch, as shown on the map above. Testing indicates that PCBs have been detected in the free product.

AK Steel is working on a remediation design describing how the free product will be removed. AK Steel expects to submit the remediation design plan to U.S. EPA later this year for approval.

Sediment and Floodplain Soil Sampling

AK Steel has tested thousands of floodplain soil and sediment samples from Dicks Creek and Monroe Ditch since 2005. This body of data shows several PCB areas along Dicks Creek and its floodplain, including parts of Monroe Ditch, and an area near Outfall 002, that will need to be remediated using a technique called "dredging."

AK Steel formally submitted its Data Summary Report for floodplain soil in late March 2008 to the U.S. EPA for approval. Once approval is received, AK Steel will prepare a design plan to address the PCB removal in the floodplain soil and sediment. The design plan must then be submitted to the U.S. EPA.

Additional information is available from the following sources:

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