



Avon Lake

ENVIRONMENTAL REDEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC.

July 30, 2024

Honorable Mayor Mark Spaetzel

City of Avon Lake

RE: Implosion of Boiler 9 & 10

Avon Lake Environmental Redevelopment Group, LLC (ALERG) has carefully listened to and accounted for the public concerns expressed by the Mayor, City Council, and the public participants and residents at last evening's Special Council Meeting. We have been doing so over the past two years in preparation for the next phase of this important community development project.

ALERG wants to assure everyone that we have taken great measures and conducted significant risk assessment pre-planning to:

1. Identify all potential receptors that are in the vicinity of the former power plant,
2. Assess the potential exposure pathways from the short duration-controlled implosion plan,
3. Put plans, resources, and measures in place and to be prepared to implement protective mitigation from the implosion event, as needed.

These measures go above and beyond the past two-years of work ALERG has done to prepare the site for the safest of conditions possible leading up to implosion. This work included but was not limited to dust removal, asbestos abatement, hazardous substance and petroleum removal, fly ash removal, and boiler washdowns.

ALERG has diligently worked to keep the public informed via the meetings and city website venue that the city established. ALERG's communications with the City of Avon Lake have been continuous, typically monthly, and in public forums. Our advanced notices of this scheduled first implosion started back in early 2023. As the plan has developed and come together, ALERG and our subcontractors have filed the required notifications to OEPA and received the required explosives handling permit. We have consulted with all the stakeholders regarding this plan, including but not limited to: OEPA, City of Avon Lake, Avon Lake Regional Water, local police department, local fire department, Ohio State Fire Marshall, US Coast Guard, ODNR, Army Corp, First Energy, Columbia Gas, other local agencies, and the residents and businesses closest to the site.

Our demolition and explosive contractors have been executing the plan which includes preparing the structures to fall in their dedicated drop zones with the controlled implosion. This includes making the cuts to columns and placing explosive charges in the appropriate locations. With this work complete we are going to continue moving forward with a planned implosion date of July 31st between 5 am – 8 am. Based on the current state of the structures, failing to move forward as planned would create new risks,

including placing workers in harm's way of a compromised building structure and the possibility of charges misfiring the longer they sit.

This is a long project, and we continue to be committed to being transparent and performing the work in a safe and environmentally compliant way.

This letter is also being provided to local media outlets to make them aware of our intention to safely move forward with a planned implosion date of July 31st between 5 am – 8 am.

Sincerely,

Scott Reschly

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