



HLRA Update

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UPCOMING HLRA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are at 3:30pm in the Horsham Township Library and open to the public.

- October 17, 2018
- January 16, 2019

HLRA Participates in EPA PFAS Community Engagement Event

Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority (HLRA) staff participated in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3’s per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) community engagement session at the end of July 2018. The event, held at the Hatboro Horsham High School, was designed to give EPA staff the opportunity to hear directly from people impacted by these emerging contaminants.

The HLRA, along with Horsham Township and the Horsham Water & Sewer Authority (HWSA), provided testimony to Cosmo Servidio, EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator and Dr. Peter Gravatt, Director, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, hosts of the EPA event. Mike McGee, HLRA Executive Director, confirmed that the PFAS contamination has delayed redevelopment of the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove and that its potential impacts including deed restrictions and land use controls are currently unknown. The HLRA encouraged the EPA representatives to set standards for soil, surface water and sediment by designating these emerging contaminants as hazardous substances under the federal CERCLA (Superfund) law. Additionally, the HLRA stated that the federal government should retain liability for all PFAS related contamination resulting from past use or spills on military property and that the remedial cleanup at both the Horsham Air Guard Station and the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove base should have the same plan and expedited schedule.

The HLRA Executive Director also submitted a more detailed written statement to the EPA for consideration. Both the written statement and the Horsham presentation slides are available on the HLRA website (www.hlra.org).

The Horsham panel concluded its remarks by emphasizing to the EPA representatives that despite the challenges discussed during the community engagement event, Horsham Township, HWSA and the HLRA will be leaders in redeveloping property impacted by PFAS contamination.

