



Memorandum

To: Concerned Citizens of Carbondale
From: Gary Williams
Date: 2/25/16
Re: Brightfields Project

At the February 9, 2016 City Council meeting, your group presented a letter to the City Council and me that voiced several concerns regarding the Brightfields solar array project. As I indicated at the February 23, 2016 City Council meeting, I've followed up with the appropriate parties that I believe have addressed all of your most recent questions and concerns. In addition, I've posted Brightfields correspondence to the City website. Following is a summary of the answers you requested:

- **Status of EPA Clearance as Condition of Special Use Permit** – Condition Number 3 of the March 25, 2015 Special Use Permit states that the applicant (i.e., Brightfields) be given three years to begin construction of the solar array in order to receive USEPA clearance for such construction. Brightfields is continuing with its planning activities for the project but has not yet specifically requested such clearance from USEPA as there is no immediate start date planned. Brightfields has indicated on multiple occasions that without federal and state tax incentives related to renewable energy, the project isn't economically feasible. Brightfields is continuing to address this problem and is working to secure legislative support needed to provide the needed incentives.
- **Installation of Additional Monitoring Wells/Piezometers** – Beazer installed a number of additional monitoring wells and piezometers at the Site in accordance with the final *Groundwater Monitoring Plan*, which was submitted to USEPA on November 25, 2015, and approved by USEPA on December 15, 2015. Beazer also collected soil samples during drilling for several of the new monitoring wells located along the southern property boundary of the site. The soil sampling and corresponding laboratory analysis work was completed at the request of USEPA, and in accordance with a scope of work submitted to the USEPA on September 17, 2015 and conditionally approved by USEPA on September 29, 2015. On February 12, 2016 a *Groundwater Monitoring Network Modifications Report* was submitted to USEPA that documented the completion of these activities and presented the analytical results for any soil samples collected during drilling.
- **EPA Public Meeting** – A future USEPA Public Meeting was discussed during the December 18, 2014 Brightfields Public Meeting. EPA is planning to hold a public meeting to discuss additional remedial work at the Koppers Site. The work is independent of the proposed solar energy installation. The remedial work will address

dioxin/furan contamination that was not identified the first time around (when the remedies were selected in 2004). EPA has not yet reached an agreement with Beazer on the remedial approach. When that is sorted out, hopefully in the next month or two, EPA will begin an abbreviated outreach process including holding a meeting sometime late spring or early summer. At the meeting, EPA will likely also report out the results of the soil and groundwater analysis completed in the wells/piezometers along the southern property boundary.