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DRAFT Resolution Regarding the Soapstone Valley Sewer Line Project: a) Curing of Liner Material for the Re-lining of the Main Sewer Lines and Trunklines; Current Project and Future Similar Projects; and b) Release of Air Monitoring Data for Current Project
February 20, 2024

Whereas, DC Water initiated the Soapstone Valley Sewer Line Project in March 2022 to reline the existing main and adjacent sewer pipelines, using a Cured-in-Place-Process (CIPP) to cure the reliner material; and

Whereas, there are three methods to cure the reliner material in CIPP projects: hot water, steam and UV light; and

Whereas, the community recommended the use of UV light as the curing method before the project was initiated and immediately after the project was started, to DC Water and DOEE; and

Whereas, DC Water decided to use the hot water curing method for the project, citing the lack of expertise and appropriate equipment on the part of its contractor (IPR) to use the UV method of curing; and

Whereas, DC Water’s contractor (IPR) has now acquired a firm that is capable of using the UV curing method for applications similar to that needed for CIPP processing for the Soapstone project; and

Whereas, ANC 3F has passed resolutions in 2022 and 2023 and community residents have strongly requested the use of the UV curing methodology for use in the Soapstone Valley project, and

Whereas, during a call with community representatives on January 11, 2024, DC Water staff indicated that DC Water, in conjunction with DOEE, was now considering the use of the UV curing method for the remaining “shots” of the Soapstone project, and

Whereas, during the January 16, 2024 ANC 3F meeting, DC Water staff indicated a revised air quality monitoring plan would be proposed to DOEE, including a change in the curing method, and

Whereas, during the 9 segments of relining operations prior to the end of January 2024, IPR has been collecting air monitoring data which has been analyzed by as required by the Air

Quality Monitoring Plan for the project, from which a 54-page project report, dated November 22, 2023, has been prepared and posted on the DC Water web site and, also, from which individual 15-page lab reports have been prepared and, at least, partially posted prior to November 22, 2023, but removed from the DC Water web site on or around November 22, 2023, and

Whereas, during the 9 segments of relining operations through the end of January 2024, air quality monitoring has detected unexpected concentrations of styrene, methylene chloride and other VOCs which have not been forensically analyzed to determine their origin.

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 3F requests DC DOEE direct DC Water to use the UV curing method for the remaining “shots” of the Soapstone Project, including the Van Ness East, Lenore Lane, and Audubon Terrace shots and the remaining Shot 10, located behind the Park Van Ness apartment building; and

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 3F strongly recommends DC DOEE and the DC Council direct DC Water to use the UV curing method for all similar future CIPP projects in the District of Columbia and,

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 3F requests DC DOEE direct DC Water to make full disclosure of all laboratory test Results Reports of laboratory chemical analyses by the University of Texas of air samples collected during all "shots" of CIPP during the Soapstone Project, including but not limited to all laboratory test Results issued by GD Air Testing of Plano, Texas, and all laboratory test Results delivered to DC Water or DC DOEE from the University of Texas and,

Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 3F requests DC DOEE direct DC Water, during future CIPP operations within the District, to undertake forensic analyses of any monitored air quality excursions or unexpected concentrations of monitored air pollutants if such excursions or unexpected concentrations are found, and identify the source(s) of these air pollutants, and propose and adopt measures to reduce these air pollutant emissions.

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on February 20, 2024, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of X in favor and Y opposed and Z abstaining.

Courtney Carlson
Chair
ANC 3F