

Quarterly US Environmental Update

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Bridging North America (BNA) are committed to protecting the environment both on and adjacent to the Gordie Howe International Bridge site. A diverse approach is being implemented to limit any potential adverse effects on the natural environment, cultural resources, and neighbouring residents and businesses. Through daily inspections, several integrated environmental components are regularly assessed to determine the effectiveness of current actions and guide future improvements. On the Canadian and US monitoring and mitigation throughout the life of the Project, in accordance with commitments in the approved Environmental Assessment Report and Federal Screening Report in Canada and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) in the US.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Read the latest quarterly US environmental update below.
This information covers activities from April – June 2024.

- The Vibration Monitoring Program continued. The program launched in January 2021 with outreach to 120 properties located within 150 feet of specific construction zones (US specific). Monitoring for Historic Fort Wayne is ongoing during Jefferson Road reconstruction activities.
- Regular inspections of sediment controls were undertaken to ensure appropriate mitigations are in place to prevent dust. Ongoing dust mitigation included maintenance of mud mats and rumble strips at all entrance points, site watering (when feasible) and road sweeping.
- The falconry monitoring program continued.
- Sampling of excavated materials continued. Surplus materials previously re-used throughout the US Port of Entry (POE) site for surcharge fill placement were exported off-site.
- Soil sampling and testing for contamination continued throughout the US POE and the Michigan Interchange sites.
- Monitoring continued on noise and vibration, excavated materials and hazardous waste throughout the site. Required mitigations have been implemented.
- Air quality monitoring and mitigation measures such as spraying water continued throughout the site to minimize dust generation. Regulatory consultation continued to meet necessary requirements.
- Onsite stormwater continues to be managed through a series of temporary stormwater management ponds in accordance with regulatory requirements.

