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**Subject:** US Steel Gary Works HWD-5 and TTP Area//HW Program ID: IND005444062// HWD-5 Landfill and TTP Area Post Closure 2025 Annual Report [Response to Comments]

*HWD-5 Landfill and TTP Area Post Closure 2025 Annual Report*[Response to Comments]– April 9, 2026

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US Steel Gary Works

Gary, Lake County

HW Program ID: IND005444062

Dear Cliff M. Barnett,

I reviewed the *HWD-5 Landfill and TTP Area Post Closure 2025 Annual Report* [Response to Comments] (Response) dated April 9, 2026. Weaver Consultants Group (WCG) submitted the Response on April 9, 2026, on behalf of the facility. The facility submitted the Response to address the comments from our letter dated March 12, 2026 (VFC # [83944948](#)).

The Response documents the improvements the facility made to select groundwater monitoring wells. The improvements include clearing vegetation to improve well access and removing bent tubing from the riser of groundwater monitoring wells HWD-5-12S and HWD-5-12D. The bent tubing created an obstruction that prevented field staff from collecting groundwater elevation measurements. As a result of the facility removing the bent tubing, the Response documents that field staff can now collect groundwater elevations measurements. Additionally, the Response includes a photographic log of the improvements.

The Response with included photographic log and the improvements the facility made to the wells adequately addresses the comments from our March 12, 2026, letter. Therefore, at this time the facility does not need to take further action.

If you would like to discuss my review further, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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