

4825 Glenbrook Road Weekly Update for Feb. 7, 2014

In the beginning of the week crews performed required maintenance on key systems and safety equipment. They also loaded excavated soil into drums and collected composite samples. During the remainder of the week, crews continued hand excavating the area under the former front porch of the home. They did recover some American University Station-related debris. Additionally, they demolished about a 10-foot section of the porch footer wall.

All air monitoring results continue to show no detections for chemical agents or industrial compounds. With the exception of the intact glass bottle found Jan. 17, all recovered AUES glassware and munition items have been non-detect for chemical agents and industrial compounds.

As items and soils are removed, they are properly packaged. All items and soils are tested prior to disposal. Until recently, the soil samples have been non-detect for chemical agents or industrial compounds.

A report received Jan. 31 showed that recently excavated soil tested positive for lewisite. This soil came from the area around the location where we discovered the Jan. 17 intact glass bottle that also contained lewisite. The soils currently being excavated are 6-8 feet below ground surface.

A more detailed description of the soil sampling can be found in the January Corps'pondent: <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/SpringValley/Corpspondent.aspx>

To reach a Spring Valley Army Corps representative in the event of an after-hours emergency, the project's 24-hour hotline is still operational: 1-888-393-0059. An operator will answer this number 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The operator will take down the information and call project personnel until someone is reached. The project personnel contact will then return your call.

During business hours, please continue to call the Spring Valley Community Outreach Team at 410-962-0157.