



## SPRING VALLEY FUDS MONTHLY PROJECT SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2014

This monthly Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) project summary is provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, as part of its ongoing efforts to make information regarding the neighborhood investigation more accessible to community members, elected officials, Restoration Advisory Board members, and other interested stakeholders. Specifically, the monthly update is produced to provide those who follow the project with a current snapshot of regulatory partnering, planning and field activities, and is not designed to provide historical information or an overview of the project. Those individuals interested in broader project information, or who have follow-up questions regarding this update, are invited to contact our Community Outreach Team at 410-962-0157. You may also contact our project regulatory partners, James Sweeney (DDOE) at 202-535-2289 or Steven Hirsh (US EPA) at 215-814-3352.

### 4825 Glenbrook Road NW

- During this month's excavation, crews safely recovered the following items: 13 glass containers, and a 4.7" projectile with no explosives. To date, 146 pounds of metal debris, and over 495 pounds of broken American University Experiment Station (AUES)-related glassware has been recovered. Crews secured the items and safely transported them to the federal property.
- In addition to excavation, crews continued loading previously excavated soil into drums. Composite samples of the soil were taken for further analysis to support waste disposal at a later date. To date, 45 roll-offs of soil, 10 roll-offs of rubble, and 360 barrels of soil have been excavated. We continue to excavate in the front yard area, but we are encountering less debris and have reached competent saprolite in several areas of the debris field. Next month we will continue excavations in the front yard heading towards the southern property line. The crews are also installing the needed slope protection to continue digging and to begin to prepare for the next tent move.
- We also continued to see low level readings on the MINICAMS (near real time continuous air monitoring system) at the pre-filter (inlet to the Chemical Agent Filtration System, or CAFS) for a possible industrial compound. However, at the end of the April, as we transferred out of the debris field, the low level readings became intermittent. By the end of the month, the readings had diminished completely. The Edgewood Chemical Biological Command tested all of the equipment and found that everything is functional. We are continuing to monitor and evaluate this situation. There was no risk to the public due to these readings. All of our engineering controls are working as designed, with multiple layers of protection.
- Safety continues to be our number one priority at the site. Throughout every phase of the project, all necessary precautions are taken to ensure the safety of the site workers, the residents of the community, and those passing by.
- **May 7<sup>th</sup> Siren Test:** As a reminder, USACE conducts a test of the Shelter-in-Place notification system on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:05 pm. The sirens will briefly be turned on, and the ring-down notification system will initiate the monthly test message, sent via email, telephone and text message to the nearby residents and other stakeholders participating in the Shelter-in-Place program. This is only a test to verify the system is working and remind nearby residents about the Shelter-in-Place program.
- To learn more about the high probability work please watch this interactive video: <http://youtu.be/yVws5UnBuZw>.

### Groundwater Study

- Preparations took place for the next semi-annual groundwater sampling activities. USACE will begin the spring sampling event in June, as part of the extended groundwater monitoring program. The preliminary sampling results from the December 2013 and March 2014 samplings are currently being reviewed by the Partners.
- As part of the ongoing groundwater investigation, planning continued for the installation of two additional deep wells. One well will be placed on Sibley Hospital property. For the other well, USACE met with residents, ANC commissioners, RAB members and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton on April 29 to discuss locations for the proposed well in the vicinity of Rockwood Parkway. Based on this meeting, USACE is looking for another area in public space on Rockwood Parkway or Indian Lane, other than the Rockwood Parkway Island.

### Website Information

- The digital archive of the Spring Valley project documents can be found at: <http://springvalley.ertcorp.com/>. This new site is public and does not require a user name and password to access to these selected archived project documents.
- For more information on Spring Valley projects, and to view site pictures and videos, visit our project website at: [www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/SpringValley](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/SpringValley). Note: New pictures and updates are posted weekly on the 4825 Glenbrook Road page of the website.

### Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

- The next RAB meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 13 at 7 pm**. Currently, the RAB meets every other month for about 60-90 minutes.
- The RAB currently meets in the 'Undercroft' meeting room at St. David's Episcopal Church, 5150 Macomb Street NW, Washington, D.C. These meetings are open to the public.