



SPRING VALLEY FUDS MONTHLY PROJECT SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 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

- This month crews started preparing the site for the tent move activities. The tent move is slated for later in September. Preparations included continuing to fill soil drums and removing them from the tent, sweeping the concrete basement floor area, collecting the required confirmation samples, decontaminating some remaining glass debris, and preparing the equipment and tent for decontamination. Furthermore, the crews took down the personal decontamination station and redress tent, and moved the small MINICAMS shed, in order to prepare for the second tent location.
- We received the final confirmation soil samples, testing for chemical agent in the competent saprolite and bedrock under the first tent location, and the results all came back clean for agent.
- Crews completed backfilling the front yard excavation area that was completed under the first tent location. This area will be needed for the relocation of the support facilities. People passing by the site might have seen the tent walls rolled up. Our team needed to have the front and back of the tent rolled up about 8 feet to properly ventilate carbon monoxide coming from the equipment during the backfilling operations. There are no risks to the community from the backfilling operations.
- In preparation for the low probability work behind the back retaining wall in September, the crews constructed a dirt ramp to access the area.
- 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.
- As a reminder, the Shelter-in-Place program was paused in August since high probability operations under the first tent location were completed in July. USACE will restart the Shelter-in-Place program when the high probability operations are ready to start under the second tent location. **No high probability excavation work will take place during the tent move operations.**

Groundwater Study

- As part of the ongoing groundwater investigation, the installation of the two additional deep wells was completed on August 23rd. One well was placed on Sibley Hospital property to provide information on the depth of perchlorate in groundwater in this area. The other well was placed on Rockwood Parkway, several feet away from the Rockwood Parkway 'island.' The Rockwood Parkway well's multi-port liner will be installed in October. This well will further evaluate if there is any connection between the perchlorate plume detected near Kreeger Hall at American University and the plume detected in the vicinity of Sibley Hospital.
- The field team is preparing for the quarterly sampling effort in September. The effort will focus on wells on American University and Sibley Hospital properties.

New at the Website & Information Repository at Tenley-Friendship Library

- A 5-page document titled *Explanation of Significant Differences*, referencing the disposal of a 75 mm shrapnel round recovered at the 4825 Glenbrook Road project, is now available at the library repository and our project website (<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Portals/63/docs/SpringValley/Signed%20ESD%2015Aug2014.pdf>).
- For more information on the Spring Valley projects, and to view site pictures and videos, visit our project website at: www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/SpringValley. Note: New pictures and updates are posted weekly on the 4825 Glenbrook Road project page of the website.

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

- The next RAB meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 9 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.

Visit the project website at www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/SpringValley