



SPRING VALLEY FUDS MONTHLY PROJECT SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 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

- In December, the crews began the next phase of high probability excavations. During the work, crews discovered two small pieces of American University Experiment Station-related glass and a 75mm munitions debris item, which was found 8 feet below the surface. Based on an X-ray and thorough analysis, the team determined there were no explosives or liquid in the item. The item was packaged and transported to the Federal Property. There were no detections of chemical agents or industrial compounds in the air monitors to date.
- A large concrete retaining wall at the end of the former driveway was removed to make room for the roll-off containers that need to be placed inside of the tent. Also, during the retaining wall removal and soil excavation, the team encountered a thick concrete pad that extends over an approximate 60' X 10' area. We are inspecting the slab as it is being broken into disposable pieces, to ensure it is not associated with any contamination. No contamination on the concrete has been detected to date.
- The site was shut down for the holidays on Thursday, December 18 through January 6, 2015. During the holiday shutdown, the site was secured and monitored by our guard service.
- **January 7 Siren Test:** As a reminder, we have returned to our regular monthly Shelter-in-Place notification system tests on the first Wednesday of every month throughout high probability operations 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. These tests allow us to verify our system is working and also reminds participating residents about the Shelter-in-Place program.
- 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.

Groundwater Study

- We continued our coordination and planning for the first upcoming sampling event for MP-5 on Rockwood Parkway, as the team awaits a new public space permit. We will send out notices before closing the road for this sampling event.

Remedial Investigation (RI) Report

- We are preparing to release the draft Remedial Investigation report for the Spring Valley FUDS. The RI report details 22 years worth of investigations and work, such as removals of arsenic contaminated soil and munitions related items that have taken place at the Spring Valley FUDS.
- In December, our project regulatory partners (EPA and DDOE) began their 60-day review of the draft RI document. Once their review is completed, and the comments formally responded to, the report will be available for an informal 45-day public comment period. During this time, we will hold community and RAB meetings to provide an overview of the RI report. We will send out notices with more definitive dates.

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

- You are invited to the first RAB meeting of 2015 on **Tuesday, January 13 at 7 pm.**
- The RAB currently meets in the 'Undercroft' meeting room at St. David's Episcopal Church, 5150 Macomb Street NW, Washington, D.C. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month for about 60-90 minutes and are open to the public. The 2015 RAB meeting schedule was posted to the project website.

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