



SPRING VALLEY MONTHLY PROJECT SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2015

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

- The crews safely recovered two open cavity, unfired, unfuzed, empty 4.7" projectiles, and a 75mm closed cavity item with a small amount of liquid fill. Both 4.7" projectiles were 'non-detect' for chemical agent and are being handled as munitions debris. The assessment of the 75mm indicated that the fill is water, not Chemical Warfare Materiel. Additionally, a small amount of American University Experiment Station-related broken glassware was recovered. There were no detections of chemical agents or industrial compounds in the air monitors. All items are being properly stored at the Federal Property, pending final disposal. Crews also continued to fill roll-off containers with excavated soil and rubble.
- Despite the recent adverse winter weather and quantity of the WWI-related items recovered, we remain on schedule. After completing the high probability excavation work in the winter of 2016/2017, we will start the remaining low probability excavation, and finish in spring 2017. Site restoration will take place from spring 2017 through summer 2017.
- This month, crews continued to install new fencing along the Glenbrook Road side of the project site. Much of the fence screening was damaged during shipping, so the replacement screens will be reinstalled in March.
- March 4 Siren Test: Our regular monthly Shelter-in-Place notification system tests take place on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:05 pm. These tests allow us to verify our system is working and also reminds participating residents about the Shelter-in-Place program.

Groundwater Study

- The data from the first sampling of the deep groundwater monitoring well (MP-5) on Rockwood Parkway is still being validated, but all samples were non-detect for perchlorate, and less than 1 parts per billion for arsenic, well below the Maximum Containment Level (MCL) of 10 parts per billion (ppb). MP-5 will be sampled again in the spring during our annual sampling event.

Remedial Investigation (RI) Report

- Our project regulatory partners (EPA and DDOE) completed their 60-day review of the draft Site-Wide Remedial Investigation (RI) report in February. We continue to address comments and hope to obtain regulator concurrence sometime in March. USACE is committed to engaging the public throughout this process. Upon obtaining partnership consensus, we will issue the draft RI report for a formal 45-day public comment period and plan to hold a public meeting during this time-frame.

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

- You are invited to our regularly scheduled March RAB meeting, on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 pm. Please note that due to expected increased community participation at this meeting, the meeting will be held in the Vestry Meeting Room at the Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC 20016.
- USACE plans to review the RI recommendations at the upcoming March RAB. This will be the first opportunity for the community to hear the Site-Wide RI report conclusions and recommendations. In addition, the RAB's Technical Assistance for Public Participation advisor, Dr. Peter deFur, will present his evaluation of the report.