



SPRING VALLEY FUDS MONTHLY PROJECT SUMMARY FOR MAY 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 continued loading previously excavated soil into drums and collecting composite samples of the soil for further analysis. Crews also continued to excavate soils in the front yard, but started to encounter much less American University Experiment Station (AUES)-related debris. During the last few weeks of May, the crews did not encounter any AUES-related debris. We also did not see any detections of chemicals on the air monitors this month.
- The high probability excavation crews have safely recovered the following items to date: 39 glass containers, five 75mm munitions debris items, one Mk IV adapter/booster, one 75mm shrapnel round with no explosives, and one 4.7' projectile with no explosives. To date, 146 pounds of metal debris, and over 530 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.
- Crews are continuing to make preparations to the site for the first tent move, which is expected to take place this summer. Over the next few weeks, crews will continue to remove remaining concrete footers in the front yard area. The footers were part of the front walkway and the driveway area. Additionally, the dig team will be excavating all remaining soils in the front yard area to reach competent saprolite or bedrock.
- 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, 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.
- Due to the amount of debris we have encountered under the first tent, we have had to extend our schedule for Glenbrook Road 12 more weeks. We now expect to finish high probability operations by the summer of 2015, finish the remaining low probability operation by fall 2015 and then restore the site to residential standards before returning the property back to American University in the winter of 2015. This schedule could change, either direction, depending on what we encounter during the continued excavation work.
- To learn more about the high probability work please watch this interactive video: <http://youtu.be/yVws5UnBuZw>. We also have a new video that shows the process that takes place during our current work in the engineering control structure. This particular video illustrates our operations on March 12, 2014: <http://bit.ly/glenbrookroad>

Groundwater Study

- Preparations continued to take place for the next semi-annual groundwater sampling activities. USACE will begin the spring sampling event in June 2014 as part of the extended groundwater monitoring program.
- 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 applied for a permit to install the well in the road, off of 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. 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, July 15 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.