



SPRING VALLEY FUDS MONTHLY PROJECT SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 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 early September, crews completed the low probability excavation work and recovered some American University Experiment Station (AUES)-related glass debris. All glassware tested clear of any AUES-related chemicals.
- This month crews continued preparing the site for the Engineering Control Structure (ECS) move, including unlacing the ECS tent's 'skin,' and building a dirt ramp to access the low probability work area behind the back retaining wall. On Saturday, September 20, seventeen trucks delivered sections of a very large crane which was constructed at the project site's parking lot at American University, near Watkins Hall. The crane is being used to move heavy equipment into place, especially the large ECS tent frame, in preparation for Phase 2 of the high probability excavation effort. On September 22, the crane passed the load test, demonstrating it will be able to move the large ECS tent frame from the front of the property towards the back, starting on October 3rd.
- 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

- The field team completed the quarterly sampling effort in September. The effort focused on sampling the wells on American University and Sibley Hospital properties.
- Another small field team performed additional well testing to evaluate the Spring Valley's groundwater flow characteristics, including how quickly water can move through the aquifer.
- We continued our coordination and planning for the upcoming installation of the multi-port FLUTe well liner for the new well (MP-5) on Rockwood Parkway. This installation is tentatively scheduled for early November and will take up to two days. Rockwood Parkway will once again be closed to through traffic during the installation of the well liner. Detours will route commuters toward Indian Lane and Glenbrook Road.

Website Information

- 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, November 18 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.