



SPRING VALLEY MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATE FOR JUNE 2010

This monthly Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site project update is provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, as part of our 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 our 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. Our project regulatory partners may also be contacted with questions: James Sweeney (DDOE) at 202-535-2289 & Steven Hirsh (US EPA) at 215-814-3352.

Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

- In June, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received substantial comments on the Pit 3 Area's work plan for the '**high probability**' test pit investigation. Upon review of the comments, we will begin a comprehensive assessment of how to complete work at the property. This includes working with the Department of Army, the District Department of the Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to determine the best manner for analyzing the information gathered to date to arrive at a formal decision document. We will inform the community of the assessment approach as soon as it is determined. All options for cleanup of the property will be reviewed as part of the process.
- During this process, which will take several months, some staging equipment will be removed from the Pit 3 Area property, fencing will be moved from the road to the sidewalk and minimal restoration will be conducted.
- Plans for mobilizing the Contained Detonation Chamber equipment and establishing the supporting measures for the disposal of the conventional munitions is underway, with operations planned for later this year. Specific preliminary plans for the siting of the Contained Detonation Chamber on the Spring Valley federal property as well as plans to reduce noise from the operation will be presented at the upcoming Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, July 13th (see below for more information).

Groundwater Investigation Study

- During the last week of June, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers installed well sampling equipment in the deep groundwater monitoring well located on the 4900 block of Glenbrook Road. With the well sampling equipment in place, sampling is planned for the second week of July. With the July sampling, testing of this first deep well will be completed using several analyses of groundwater flow characteristics and two groundwater sampling methodologies. The first portion of the two-fold sampling effort was completed in March of this year.
- The comprehensive approach to sampling and testing the well is an effort by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its regulatory partners: the District Department of the Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to determine the best scheme for testing and sampling the three additional deep groundwater monitoring wells planned for installation later this year.

Removal of Soil with Elevated Levels of Arsenic from Residential Properties

- This month the field team completed soil removal at one residential property on the 4300 block of Warren Street. The total number of **remediated residential properties is 113**, since work began in the summer of 2002. Restoration efforts are currently underway at this property. Planning for soil removal is underway at a property on the 3900 block of 52nd Street, the next property scheduled for excavation. Excavation is expected to begin in early July.

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

- The next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13th at 7 p.m. The RAB meets on the second Tuesday of each month at St. David's Episcopal Church, 5150 Macomb Street, NW. Special topics this month include a review of the Spring Valley soil sampling and removal approach, and a review of planning to date for the disposal of conventional (non-chemical) munitions. We hope to see you there!