



SPRING VALLEY MONTHLY PROJECT SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2011

This monthly Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site 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 CERCLA Process

- In December, the draft final Decision Document for 4825 Glenbrook Road, which formally selects the cleanup alternative for the site, was distributed for review. The review and concurrence on the Decision Document is expected from several offices within USACE and the Department of Army as well as from the interagency regulatory partners: District Department of the Environment and Region III of the Environmental Protection Agency. The document will be finalized upon joint signature from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health and the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. Finalization is anticipated by February 2012.
- Once concurrence is reached, the Final Decision Document will be made available to the public on the Spring Valley project website and at the Spring Valley Information Repository at the Tenley-Friendship Branch Library.
- Planning is underway on the Remedial Design and Remedial Action Work Plan, which details how the remedial action, outlined in the Final Decision Document, will be implemented. The Work Plan will include the Public Protection Plan which is a detailed plan for assuring safety of the public during the cleanup process. Ongoing progress will continue to be discussed at the monthly Restoration Advisory Board meetings.

Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)

- Field teams completed metallic anomaly investigations in the Dalecarlia Woods geophysical investigation area in December. Approximately 40 American University Experiment Station-related munitions debris items and one fused 75mm munition containing the incendiary thermite, were safely recovered during the last portion of the field effort, which began in October 2011. Also recovered were two Civil War-era cannonballs and approximately 20 cannonball fragments.
- In December, field teams also completed investigations of buried metallic anomalies at the last scheduled residential property on the 3900 block of 52nd Street where more than 200 anomalies were investigated. Three munitions debris items were safely recovered and removed from the property. The items did not pose a hazard to the workers or the community.
- Also this month, USACE began preparations for the American University (AU) Kreeger Hall area anomaly investigation that is scheduled for January 2012. The Anomaly Review Board (ARB), which consists of USACE and the regulatory partners, identified 18 anomalies and four anomalous areas to be investigated. USACE worked with AU to schedule the anomaly investigations during AU's winter break to minimize potential disruptions to campus life.

Groundwater Study

- In December, the USACE and the regulatory partners continued working to finalize the design and construction of the custom-made sampling liners for the newly installed deep wells on the 4900 block of Rockwood Parkway and the 4800 block of Glenbrook Road. USACE expects to finalize plans and install the liners by February 2012.
- The last planned deep groundwater monitoring well is currently scheduled for installation near Kreeger Hall on the AU campus in early 2012.

Restoration Advisory Board

- The next RAB meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7 p.m.** The RAB meets on the second Tuesday of each month (with the exception of August and December) at St. David's Episcopal Church, 5150 Macomb Street, NW.