



## **SPRING VALLEY MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2008**

This monthly Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) 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 Spring Valley Partnership and neighborhood investigation more accessible to community members, elected officials, Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) members, and other interested stakeholders. Specifically, the monthly update is produced to provide those who follow the project with a current snapshot of our 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 Carrie Johnston or Maya Courtney with our Community Outreach Team at (410) 962-0157.

### **Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP)**

- Construction began on the South Extension and continues into September. Although the monthly siren tests will continue, the Shelter-in-Place program will not be in effect during construction periods as there is no risk of a chemical emergency. The South Extension's construction is expected to take 6 weeks, and should be completed in mid September. The digging investigation inside the South Extension will be short; 1 - 2 weeks is anticipated. During this time the Shelter-in-Place program will go into effect again for those residents and workers within 750 feet of the project area, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Work plans for agency approval to build East Extension 2 were drafted in August and currently are undergoing review. In September, prior to construction of the East Extension 2, non-hazardous site preparation may begin such as removing sections of the brick and cement retaining wall from the area that will be underneath the extended containment structure.
- Depending on what is discovered during the investigations in these 2 upcoming extensions, the schedule to complete all high probability investigations at the Pit 3 area is currently projected for Winter 2008/2009.
- In August, USACE made significant progress carefully removing World War I debris at the area around American University's Public Safety Building. One underground drainage pipe was discovered and the water is being routed into containment basins, allowing our work area to dry, making it much easier excavate and investigate this area. This operation is expected to last until the end of December.

### **Removal of Soil with Elevated Levels of Arsenic from Residential Properties**

- In August, soil removal activities were completed at a property on the 4800 block of Rodman Street. This brings the total number of completed properties to 85 since work began in the summer of 2002. American University's Lots 33 and 34 soil removal activities were completed, with minor landscaping repair to be completed in early September. Soil removal for the property on the 4900 block of Indian Lane will be underway throughout September.

### **Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)**

- The next scheduled meeting of the RAB is Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. RAB meetings are open to the public, start at 7 PM and are held in the basement meeting room of St. David's Episcopal Church at 5150 Macomb Street, NW.