



Opportunities for Community Involvement in the Spring Valley Project

Community Meetings – These meetings are conducted every four to eight weeks to inform residents and stakeholders about project activities and progress, as well as provide individuals a forum to ask questions and raise concerns.

Public Availability Sessions - In addition to community meetings, these sessions provide residents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with various government officials involved in the project. Such sessions will be scheduled in the future to obtain community input on upcoming investigations and work plans.

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meetings – This body consists of community, local institutional and federal and Washington D.C. government representatives. It meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at St. David's Episcopal Church located at 5150 Macomb Street, NW. The meetings are working sessions for RAB members to discuss current challenges and concerns, but these meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

Spring Valley Web Site (<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/projects/WashingtonDC/springvalley.htm>) – This web site contains weekly project updates, maps, reports, sampling information, RAB contacts and minutes, and a variety of other materials. Included at our web site is a link to our newest feature, an interactive mapping site where a property owner or resident from Spring Valley or AU Park can build informative maps regarding a specific neighborhood, street or address of interest within the project area.

Corps'pudent – This is a monthly newsletter mailed to local residents providing project updates and summaries of recent meetings. If you do not currently receive this newsletter and would like to be added to the mailing list, please call the Spring Valley Information Line listed in the next column.

Information Repository – Public documents detailing the Corps' involvement in the Spring

Valley project are located in the Palisades Library at 49th and V Streets, NW, Washington DC 20007. For library hours, please call 202-282-3139. Validated arsenic sampling results from the area-wide sampling effort, referred to as Operable Unit 5, is just one of the many documents in this repository.

Toll-free Project Information Line (1-800-434-0988) - This toll-free line provides residents an easy route to contact the Corps of Engineers. You may call this line to inquire about any aspect of the Spring Valley project. If someone is unable to address your call immediately, please leave your contact information and someone will return your call promptly.

Spring Valley Resident Office – Daily project activities within the neighborhood, such as scheduling and conducting soil sampling, are managed from the project's field office, which is located next to Sibley Hospital on Dalecarlia Parkway. The phone number for this office is 202-686-3359. Please note that this office is not currently staffed every day of the week, so please call in advance before visiting. Also, due to current security precautions for the Dalecarlia Reservoir, the gate remains shut during the day. Visitors must simply inform the District of Columbia police officer on duty of the nature of their visit to gain entrance.

Local Publications – Articles regarding the cleanup efforts are periodically published in the Northwest Current. Additionally, we place public notices and meeting announcements in this paper.

The community can support the Spring Valley project by:

- participating in public comment periods for upcoming work plans
- attending community and RAB meetings
- calling the information line with questions or suggestions
- supporting upcoming health studies
- reviewing the weekly web site updates