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## ***Corps recovers empty shell during work in Spring Valley***

**Baltimore** –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, unearthed an empty, unfused World War I munition Tuesday during soil removal activities at the Glenbrook Road site in the Spring Valley neighborhood of northwest Washington, D.C.

The unfused munition, identified by an on-site ordnance specialist as a Mark II, 75mm projectile, was found about two feet below the surface and next to a stormwater line that runs through the Glenbrook Road site.

Following the discovery Tuesday morning, soil removal work was stopped in that portion of the site. Army ordnance specialists from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., were called to the site to evaluate the item. They determined the munition was safe to move. The item was containerized and transported to the federal property site behind Sibley Hospital, where it was further evaluated. Using x-ray equipment, Army officials assessed the item and determined it was empty.

Since December 2000, the Corps has been removing surface soil containing elevated levels of arsenic from portions of the Glenbrook Road site as part of its follow-up investigation of the former American University Experiment Station.

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***<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/projects/WashingtonDC/springvalley.htm>***