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## Army Corps of Engineers completes investigation for buried anomalies at two properties in Spring Valley

Baltimore - This week the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the investigation of buried anomalies at two properties in the 5000 block of Sedgwick Street. The project team, comprised of contractors and explosive ordnance and chemical warfare materiel specialists, safely investigated 31 anomalies. The excavation recovered two ordnance fragments, a two-foot metal bar, several bricks and rock with high metallic content and a two-inch diameter rubber ball. No intact ordnance items were recovered and no chemical agent or agent degradation products were detected.

Soil from grids with elevated arsenic was also removed during the investigation. Dust sampling during excavation did not reveal any dust migration concerns. Restoration of the properties has begun and will continue for the remainder of this week.

The anomalies were identified on several properties located near what was once a former trench system used by military personnel assigned to the American University Experiment Station from 1917-1919. Referred to as the Sedgwick Trench, this 200-foot diameter testing site for chemical munitions was located on what is now the 5000 block of Sedgwick Street.

In a preliminary assessment of the properties, the Corps, the Environmental Protection Agency and D.C. Department of Health had characterized all but two of the anomalies as "low probability". Preventative measures were used as needed during the excavation of the anomalies to protect the public and the workers.

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