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Community invited to review Spring Valley Lot 18 plan

The community will have an opportunity to review and comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' draft final work plan for the upcoming Lot 18 dig from April 14 through May 5.

Although the Corps is not required by law to make this work plan available for public review, the Corps' project team is doing so in order to remain open and inclusive of the community's concerns during this important project. A summary of the concerns will be presented and addressed at the May 11 Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board meeting.

As part of its investigation of the Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site, the Corps plans to resume digging at Lot 18, located along the southwestern border of the American University campus and behind residential properties on Rockwood Parkway. The work is classified as a "high-probability" dig, which means the Corps is likely to recover chemical warfare material. The dig is expected to take about one year.

The Lot 18 draft final work plan, developed by the Corps, is currently under review by the Environmental Protection Agency, the D.C. Department of Health and the property owner.

A detailed presentation is planned for the Restoration Advisory Board's April 13 meeting. Board members have also been given copies for review. Board meetings, held at St. David's Episcopal Church, 5150 Macomb Street NW, are open to the public.

Another Lot 18 presentation, along with a Spring Valley project update, are scheduled for a community-wide meeting April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue NW.

A copy of the Lot 18 draft final work plan is kept at the Palisades Library. Individual copies can be obtained by calling the toll-free Spring Valley Information Line at 800-434-0988. Written comments may be sent by email to Mary.B.Thompson@usace.army.mil or by fax to 410-962-3660.