

**Spring Valley Partnering Meeting  
December 6, 2016  
Conference Call**

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**Summary of 6 December 2016 Spring Valley Partnering Meeting**

**Consensus Decisions**

- None

**6 December 2016 Action Items**

- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) confirmed that while parking spaces behind the 4825 Glenbrook Rd project site need to be maintained, USACE will coordinate with Parsons to release some parking spaces back to American University (AU); specifically those spaces closer to Watkins Hall.
- USACE noted that the remaining High probability/Evacuation signs in the Watkins Hall area may be removed.
- USACE will request that USACE Office of Counsel prepare a written version of the proposed change to the Site-Wide Decision Document (DD) to send to the regulators.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III, Peter deFur, and AU indicated that their reviews of the Site-Wide DD would be submitted on or before December 16, pending receipt of the proposed change to the Site-Wide DD.

### **A. 4825 Glenbrook Road Remedial Action**

**The goal of this segment of the meeting was to review the status of the remedial action at 4825 Glenbrook Road.**

Low probability operations continue at the site. The site teams plan to conduct the sewer line reroute and coordinate the installation of vibration analysis equipment on December 7. Once the reroute and equipment installation is completed, the team will continue to conduct low probability operations in the former driveway area.

USACE plans to limit interference with the fence line or yard on 4835 Glenbrook Road until after the holidays, in the event the homeowner may have holiday plans for the property. After the holidays, USACE will remove the fencing, shrubbery, and landscaping at 4835 Glenbrook Road and begin intrusive activity.

No major issues to report at 4825 Glenbrook Road at this time. The project is on schedule.

In response to a question from AU, USACE explained that the holiday shutdown period extends from 19 December through 3 January. The last day project personnel will be on-site will be 15 December. During the shutdown period 4825 Glenbrook Road will be secured 24 hours a day by USACE guard staff.

Parsons added that the sewer trench reroute is 2/3 completed. Parsons expects to complete the remaining 1/3 and finish the sewer hook-up 7 December. Parsons and USACE will coordinate a temporary water shutoff to complete the connection.

AU presented a new issue related to the site parking area. AU Public Safety requests that the parking area be reconfigured to free up additional parking if USACE does not still require all of the parking spots that have been set aside.

USACE confirmed that while parking spaces need to be maintained for an increase in crew or for an activity that requires more spaces, USACE will coordinate with Parsons to release some parking spaces back to AU; specifically those spaces closer to Watkins Hall.

USACE also noted that the remaining High probability/Evacuation signs in the Watkins Hall area may be removed.

In response to a question from Peter deFur, Environmental Stewardship Concepts/RAB TAPP Consultant, USACE explained the status of the potential site visit by the West Virginia workers. The workers that have expressed interest in the site visit indicate Saturdays are the best option. USACE is coordinating the availability of a medical doctor to speak with the workers during the visit. The site visit is projected to occur in January or February of 2017.

In response to ERT's request for clarification, USACE explained that the workers expressed concerns about health and therefore USACE plans to invite a medical doctor from Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

In response to a question from Question from EPA, USACE explained that since the Public Health Consultation from ATSDR was finalized, the agreement between USACE and ATSDR expired. USACE is in contact with ATSDR through the U.S. Army Public Health Center in Aberdeen.

### **B. Groundwater Remedial Investigation**

**The goal of this segment of the meeting was to review the status of the Groundwater Remedial Investigation.**

Currently the Groundwater Remedial Investigation (RI) is in the preliminary draft and internal Baltimore District review phase of the Feasibility Study (FS). USACE plans to submit the draft FS to USACE Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise (EM/CX) for review before the holidays. Response to CX comments and revising the document will likely take a month or two before the draft final FS can be submitted it to the Partners. The draft final should be completed by April 2017. At that time, USACE will

submit the draft final to the Partners. USACE has been following EPA guidance for evaluation of the various alternatives. After screening all alternatives, the selected alternatives are as follows: no action alternative, land use control and long term monitoring alternative, in-situ alternative, and a pump-and-treat alternative. The details will be in the Groundwater FS.

EPA noted that the regulators do not prefer the land use controls with monitoring alternative because of the monitoring aspect. If there is something unacceptable in the groundwater, the regulators prefer to have a plan for that to be remediated over time.

USACE understands that the Partners' position is the main the issue with the Groundwater RI. USACE will receive those comments when the Groundwater FS is submitted for Partner review.

### **C. Pilot Project**

**The goal of this segment of the meeting was to provide an update on Pilot Project.**

The survey and anomaly removal is completed. Restoration is almost completed.

Interim assurance letters were mailed to the three participating homeowners last week. Copies of the letters will be emailed to the DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) and EPA Region III. The interim assurance letters indicate that USACE completed the work and included a figure which outlines where all of the anomalies were found. A final assurance letter will be sent pending the signature of the Site-Wide DD and approval of the final Pilot Project Report. The interim assurance letter gives the homeowners the assurance they need if they decide to sell their property now.

Data is being reviewed for the Pilot Project Report which will be sent to the Partners in early January.

In response to a question from P. deFur, USACE explained that there is no new information concerning the Pilot Project yet, besides the interim assurance letters. USACE is contemplating conducting a meeting with the homeowners of adjacent properties to the Pilot Project properties, since there was a lot of activity on the Pilot Project properties. The meeting would be an opportunity to discuss questions from those homeowners, since their property may be affected in a similar way during the full scale remedial action. USACE is currently ascertaining if there is interest in a simple meeting at the federal property.

### **D. Site-Wide Decision Document (DD)**

**The goal of this segment of the meeting was to review the status of the Site-Wide Decision Document.**

USACE sent the Site-Wide DD to the Partners on October 28. USACE asked where the Partners are in their review, if they have encountered any major issues in the document, and when comments are expected to be returned to USACE.

EPA, P. deFur, and AU indicated that their reviews would be submitted on or before 16 December. No major issues were reported at this time.

USACE received an additional comment from USACE Office of Counsel, asking USACE to place a time limit on the Public Safety Building portion of the document. Counsel wants the DD to clarify the alternative USACE would take if AU were to take down the Public Safety Building (PSB). With this alternative, USACE will be responsible for excavating and characterizing the debris and soil appropriately, and then disposing of the debris and soil offsite. USACE Office of Counsel suggested a three year time limit placed on that alternative if the building is still in use. The Site-Wide DD will include this amendment, unless the Partners express a major concern.

EPA may have a concern about that and would need to see the language.

In response to a question from P. deFur, USACE will request USACE Office of Counsel to prepare a written version of the proposed change to send to the Partners.

EPA commented that the Site-Wide DD needs to say more than that at the end of 3 years, no remedy will be implemented for the PSB. If there is unacceptable risk under the PSB that needs to be addressed, a plan to deal with it must be in place. The document could clarify that if the remedy cannot be implemented within 3 years, USACE will re-evaluate the selected remedy and make a proposed change to the remedy in accordance with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

USACE noted that the Partners may wish to hold off submitting their review of the Site-Wide DD until the proposed change is sent.

#### **E. Site-Wide Remedial Action (RA)**

**The goal of this segment of the meeting was to review the status of the Site-Wide Remedial Action (RA).**

USACE has actively begun the contract acquisition process for the Site-Wide Remedial Action (RA). USACE conducted an initial meeting with USACE-Baltimore Office of Counsel and USACE-Baltimore Contracting and set the date of 30 June as the deadline to make the contract award. USACE Baltimore will notify the Partners when the Request for Proposals (RFP) goes out and vendors are asked to respond. If the Site-Wide DD is signed sometime between now and April, that would allow enough time. Usually, USACE is not allowed to put the RFP out until the Site-Wide DD is signed. However, it is acceptable to begin the planning process for the acquisition; however if USACE gets to the RFP phase and still does not have a signed Site-Wide DD, USACE may have to pause and wait for the DD to be signed before advertising the availability of the work. USACE will keep the Partners updated through the first half of the New Year. The 30 June date was chosen because that is the deadline USACE Headquarters sets for obligating Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) funds. In the last quarter of the year, USACE Headquarters reserves the right to pull back funds from projects that are not ready to obligate and award the funds to a different project that is ready to obligate.

In response to a question from P. deFur, USACE explained that if everything goes well, and the award is made by 30 June, the contractor will then go through the planning and approval phase. That phase will take approximately 3 or 4 months. Some field work may begin in October 2017 at the earliest.

#### **F. Open Issues and New Data**

ERT Outreach noted that the Right of Entry (ROE) for 4835 Glenbrook Road is set to expire this week. ERT Outreach will send the interim ROE to USACE Site Operations Officer (SOO), Program Managers, and Parsons. When received, ERT Outreach will also forward the signed copies of the new ROE.

#### **G. Agenda Building**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday February 9, 2017.

#### **H. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43am.