

Riggs Park Fact Sheet

May 2013

Contract Award, Access Agreements and Work Plan Approval



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Introduction

- ◆ In 2010 the District issued a Final Remedy that recommends the installation of vapor mitigation systems (VMS) in select homes in the Riggs Park neighborhood to mitigate the potential for vapor intrusion from impacted groundwater.

Contract Awarded

- ◆ In January 2013, DDOE hired Tetra Tech, an international environmental technical and engineering firm to support DDOE in completing the VMS project in the Riggs Park neighborhood.

Introduction Letters

- ◆ In January 2013, DDOE sent Introduction Letters to homeowners eligible to receive a VMS from the District. The Introduction Letters informed the homeowners about Tetra Tech and described the next steps in the VMS installation project.

Access Agreements

- ◆ In March 2013, the District and Tetra Tech mailed out Access Agreements to homeowners eligible to receive a VMS from the District. The Access Agreements, once executed by the homeowner grant access to the home to Tetra Tech, DDOE and sub-contractor employees for the purpose of VMS installation, monitoring and sampling activities.
- ◆ In May 2013, the District and Tetra Tech again mailed out Access Agreements to homeowners eligible to receive a VMS from the District. These Access Agreements served as a 30-day follow up notice based on the fact that the March 2013 Access Agreements have not been signed and returned to Tetra Tech.
- ◆ Pending receipt of the signed May 2013 Access Agreement, the District and Tetra Tech will begin to schedule the initial meeting with the homeowner, or make a third attempt to have the Access Agreements signed.

Work Plan Approval

- ◆ In May 2013, the District approved the Vapor Mitigation System Installation Work plan (WP) drafted by Tetra Tech. The WP details the VMS installation process, the previously established EPA Indoor Air Standards that will serve as remedial endpoints for the sampling program and includes a detailed Community Notification Plan and Health and Safety Plan designed to keep the Riggs Park community informed and up to date on the VMS installation project. The final WP is also available for public view on the DDOE website.
- ◆ Based on the approved Work plan in conjunction with the executed Access Agreements of individual homeowners, VMS installation activities will begin.

Additional Information

- ◆ For additional information on the Chillum, Maryland gasoline spill on Riggs Park, please visit http://green.dc.gov/riggspark_, or <http://www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/chev7003.htm>