

### Naval Weapons Station Yorktown Cheatham Annex

### Environmental Restoration Advisory Board Meeting November 10, 2022



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### Cheatham Annex Environmental Restoration Program Overview and Update

## **Program Overview**



Cheatham Annex (CAX) Environmental Restoration Program (ERP)

- > 21 Sites and Areas of Concern (AOC)
  - 7 sites/AOCs currently under investigation
  - 14 sites/AOCs no further action required



# **21 ERP Sites**





- SI (2 sites)
- RI/FS (4 sites)
- > RA (1 site)
- Closed (14 sites)

## CAX ERP – Site 4 Outdated Medical Supply Disposal Area





Work Completed since last RAB: •Continued work on drafting Feasibility Study (FS) for all site media

Work In Progress: •Draft FS for all media



Water Body

Approximate Study Area (Active RI)(6.7 acres)

Storm Water Line

- Shallow Groundwater Contours (dashed where inferred)

11.66 - Groundwater Elevation (ft amsl) Imagery: Virginia Commonwealth, 2017

## CAX ERP – Site 7 Old DuPont Disposal Area





Work Completed since last RAB:

- Finalized a Vapor Intrusion (VI) Technical Memorandum (TM) summarizing VI Results
- Conducted Phase 1 groundwater delineation field activities.

Phase 1 Field Work Summary on Agenda for today



## CAX ERP – Site 9 Transformer Storage Area



### Work Completed since last RAB:

- Collaborated with the USEPA & VDEQ to determine a path forward for the site
- Drafted Draft Expanded Site Inspection (ESI) report documenting field investigations

#### Work In Progress:

 Submit ESI report to the EPA & DEQ documenting the field investigation





## CAX ERP – AOC 1 South Scrap Metal Dump



Work Completed since last RAB:

• Finalized RI report

Work In Progress:

Began drafting FS report





### **CAX ERP – AOC 6** Trinitrotoluene (TNT)/Ammonia Settling Pits Subareas





## CAX ERP – AOC 8 Area South of Site 7



#### Work Completed since last RAB:

 Conducted Phase 2 groundwater sampling activities as outlined in the groundwater delineation and sampling SAP

#### Phase 2 Field Work Summary on Agenda for today

#### Work In Progress:

• Preparing an RI Addendum report documenting groundwater delineation field activities





#### Legend

- Permanent Monitoring Well
- Removed/Abandoned Monitoring Well
- Approximate Study Area (Active RI)(2.5 acres)
  Final Excavation Limits
- Elevation Contour prior to Removal Action (feet) Inferred Groundwater Contour (feet)
- Groundwater Contour (feet)
- Approximate Direction of Groundwater Flow

5.34 - Groundwater Elevation Imagery: Virginia Commonwealth, 2017

## CAX ERP – AOC 9 Penniman Lake Historical Industrial Areas



#### Work Completed since last RAB:

- Completed Phase 2 field investigation activities
- Completed explosives contamination field activities

#### Work In Progress:

- Preparation for USEPA and VDEQ discussions to determine a path forward for the site
- Began preparing an ESI Report to document field investigation activities.





#### Legend



- Intermittent Creek
- ----> Underground Stormwater Pipe
- Overflow Pipe

- Catch and Release Fishing Restriction
- No Further Action Site Adjacent to AOC 9(13.1 acres)
- Active SI Historic Study Area (approximate)(170.9 acres) Active RI Sites Adjacent to AOC 9(1.4 acres)



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### Cheatham Annex Site 7 – Old DuPont Disposal Area Field Work Update





- Background
- Environmental Investigation Objectives
- Field Investigation Approach, Activities, and Results
- Next steps
- Questions and Comments



# **Site 7 Location**





# Background



- CAX consists of 2,300 acres of land on the York-James Peninsula and was the location of the former Penniman Shell Loading Plant, a large powder and shell loading facility operated by E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. during World War I.
- Site 7 was 1-acre disposal area for wastes from the former City of Penniman and the former DuPont facility
- Environmental investigations at the site that started in 2004 found that soil and groundwater were impacted
- Soil and debris were removed in 2007 and 2008, site was backfilled, and shoreline regraded to a lesser slope

# **Site Pictures**





### Shoreline facing north - 2006



#### Shoreline facing south - 2008



Site facing west - 2008



#### Shoreline facing south - 2013



Site facing west - current

# **Environmental Investigation Objectives**



- After the debris and contaminated soil were removed, the NAVY, USEPA and VDEQ determined that an additional groundwater investigation was needed to evaluate groundwater contamination at the site
- The investigation objectives were to:
  - determine the horizontal and vertical extents of the volatile organic compounds tetrachloroethene (TCE) and its degradation products in groundwater
  - Determine if these constituents were present at concentrations posing potential risks to human health and ecological receptors.
  - Collect geochemical and geophysical data\* to support the evaluation of remedial alternatives, if needed.

\*grainsize, total oxygen demand, alkalinity, chloride, nitrate, nitrite, sulfate, sulfide, methane, ethane, ethene



### >Investigation is conducted in two phases:

- Phase I: Collected Direct Push Technology (DPT) groundwater samples and Hydraulic Profiling Tool (HPT) data to understand groundwater contamination and site hydrogeology (2021 and 2022)
- Phase II: Install and sample groundwater monitoring wells to confirm DPT results (2023)

# Phase I Field Activities (Nov 2021 and May 2022)



- HPT advanced at 8 locations (see Site 7 Groundwater Contaminant Distribution Figure)
- One shallow and one deep groundwater samples collected at 35 locations and analyzed for site contaminants



Hydrogeological data collection with HPT tooling



Groundwater sample collection with DPT rig

# **Phase I Preliminary Results**



- Highest TCE concentration was found at DW54 (550 ug/l) (see Site 7 Groundwater Contaminant Distribution Figure)
- TCE degradation products also found in groundwater (notably cis-1,2-DCE)
- Groundwater contamination present mostly in the deeper portion of the aquifer
- Presence of a high conductivity zone from the ground surface to approximately 45 feet below ground surface, which transitions into a low conductivity zone beyond 45 feet deep (see Site 7 Cross Section)

# Site 7 Groundwater Contaminant Distribution





# **Site 7 Cross Section**





# **HPT Log Example**



# Next steps



- Install, gauge and sample permanent groundwater monitoring wells (2023)
- Prepare a risk assessment based on monitoring well groundwater data to determine if contaminant concentrations in groundwater represent a potential risk to human health (2024)
- Prepare a report to document findings (2024)



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### Cheatham Annex AOC 8 – Area South of Site 7 Field Work Update

# Agenda



- Background
- Environmental Investigation Objectives
- Environmental Investigation Activities and Results
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- Questions and Comments



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# Background



- CAX consists of 2,300 acres of land on the York-James Peninsula; it was the location of the former Penniman Shell Loading Plant, a large powder and shell loading facility operated by DuPont de Nemours & Co. during World War I.
- AOC 8 is a 1.5-acre site that was used as a borrow pit and then as a debris disposal once the borrow pit was no longer in use.
- Environmental investigations at the Site which started in 1999 found that soil and debris should be removed and that groundwater may be impacted
- 17.56 tons of debris (concrete, asphalt, wood/lumber, metal debris, bricks, and other inert debris) and 22,873 tons of nonhazardous soil were removed between 2017 and 2019
- Site was regraded and replanted with native species

## **Site Pictures**







AOC 8 shoreline facing north



AOC 8 facing west

AOC 8 facing northeast

# Environmental Investigation Objectives



- The investigation objectives were to:
  - Determine the horizontal and vertical extents of residual tetrachloroethylene, a volatile organic compound (VOC) in groundwater
  - Determine if this constituent was present at concentrations posing potential risks to human health and ecological receptors.
  - Collect geochemical and geophysical data\* to support the evaluation of remedial alternatives, if needed.

\*grainsize, total oxygen demand, alkalinity, chloride, nitrate, nitrite, sulfate, sulfide, methane, ethane, ethene

# 2021 Environmental Investigation Activities and Results (Phase I)



- Phase I activities and results were presented during the November 2021 RAB Meeting
- Collected Hydraulic Profiling Tool (HPT) data and Direct Push Technology (DPT) groundwater samples to understand site hydrogeology and groundwater contamination
- Groundwater was delineated, and hydrogeology characteristics were defined



Hydrogeological data collection with HPT tooling



# 2022 Environmental Investigation Activities (Phase 2)



- Installed and developed 6 permanent groundwater monitoring wells
- Collected groundwater samples and analyzed for VOCs
- Collected water quality, geochemical, and geophysical parameters
- Measured water level in existing and new monitoring wells
- Described and logged subsurface soil lithology during monitoring well installation



Installation of groundwater monitoring well

## 2022 Environmental Investigation Results



Only tetrachloroethene exceeded the project action limits in one groundwater monitoring well, all other analytes were not detected.

Sample ID	PAL	CAA08- GW03- 0622		CAA08- GW04- 0622		CAA08- GW05- 0622		CAA08- GW07- 0622		CAA08- GW08- 0622		CAA08- GW09- 0622		CAA08- GW10- 0622		CAA08- GW10P- 0622		CAA08- GW11- 0622		CAA08- GW12- 0622	
1,1-Dichloroethene	280	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	36	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U
Tetrachloroethene	11	0.91	J	0.8	J	2	U	20		4.3		2	U	2	J	1.7	J	2	U	2	U
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	68	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U
Trichloroethene	0.49	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U
Vinyl chloride	0.019	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U	2	U

Notes:

Data is unvalidated

All data in micrograms per liter

J - Analyte present. Value may or may not be accurate or precise

U - The material was analyzed for, but not detected



# **Groundwater Sampling Results**







- Prepare a risk assessment to determine if residual tetrachloroethene concentrations in groundwater represent a potential risk to human health (currently under preparation)
- Prepare a Remedial Investigation Addendum Report to document the 2021 and 2022 field activities and risk assessment results (2023)



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