

September 2010 Update

Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch CTS of Asheville Summary (NCD003149556/Former APS# 20358) Mills Gap Road, Buncombe County

This is the September, 2010 update of activities directed by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources that CTS is performing at the Mills Gap Road site in Asheville.

September 2010 Update:

Mr. Tate McQueen e-mailed Ms. Bonnie Ware asking that the state be involved in a meeting being held by the EPA on September 8th concerning the CTS site. Ms. Ware forwarded the e-mail inquiry to IHSB management. Further discussion with EPA representatives indicated that the planned Sept 8th meeting with the community was intended to discuss EPA's decision to proceed with the NPL listing process for the site.

NCDENR was contacted by Aaron Penland on August 24, 2010 inquiring about a large truck noted on the CTS site. NCDENR contacted CTS to inquire about the truck. CTS informed NCDENR that the large truck and equipment were part of the onsite source area investigation. Specifically, the sanitary sewer and onsite utilities were being marked in anticipation of the following week's drilling and soil sampling activities.

NCDENR was again contacted by Mr. Penland with a telephone inquiry about drilling equipment and MacTec trucks noted on the site on Monday August 30, 2010. NCDENR answered via voice message that the drilling equipment and associated activities were in coordination with the NCDENR approved Phase II Assessment activities.

Ms. Dot Rice contacted Ms. Sandi Mort of the N. C. Division of Public Health concerning an "oily sheen" noted in the drainage ditch/spring located below the CTS site and on the Rice's property on September 2, 2010. Ms. Mort forwarded the complaint to NCDENR and IHSB personnel. Bonnie Ware and Collin Day from the Winston Salem Regional Office visited the CTS site on September 3, 2010. A surface water sample was collected from Ms. Rice's property and submitted for laboratory analysis. The results of that analysis have not been completed to date.

A meeting with the community was conducted by the EPA on September 8th in Asheville, NC. Mr. James Bateson from NCDENR attended the meeting.