

On-going investigations/work:

- The Carbon Tetrachloride Study Area has now become an Operable Unit and will be referred to as the Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride Plume, or OU CTP for short. A map of the area of this investigation is shown below. The "OU" status means that a remedial investigation and feasibility study will be started for this site, which will ultimately lead to the development of a Record Of Decision (ROD) so that restoration of the aquifers can begin.
- The quarterly groundwater monitoring program is continuing to provide data that is used to assess the condition of the aquifers beneath former Fort Ord. About 150 wells are sampled every three months using Passive Diffusion Bag (PDB) sampler technology, which saves a considerable amount of time and resources. A summary of results from these sampling events are published every three months or so, and details including graphical representations are published annually.
- Remediation of all groundwater contamination plumes is continuing. Several alternative cleanup technologies are being tested to potentially speed up the cleanup time. More information on the results of these tests should be available in the summer of 2003.

Future Operable Unit Carbon Tetrachloride Plume field work program:

- The soil gas survey conducted last July in the Preston Park housing area is complete. Very low concentrations of Carbon Tetrachloride (CT) were detected about 60 feet below ground level near Lexington Court, although they do not represent a hazard to people living in the area.
 - Five shallow monitoring wells were then installed north of Reservation Road and one between Bailey and Wahl Courts. Results from these wells are helping define the extent of contamination in the A-Aquifer. Samples are collected every three months.
 - The pump that had been installed in the MCWD Well No. 8a was also removed in July 2002, allowing the Army to use this well as a monitoring well to evaluate water quality in the Lower 180-Foot Aquifer.
 - Work has begun on seven deeper wells (400 to 500 feet deep). Four have been completed and are located north of Reservation Road around the biological reserve area and the Marina Airport area. Of the three remaining wells, two will be installed east of Imjin Road and south of Old County Road and one will be installed near Edna Court in Marina. These wells will be installed using a sonic drilling rig that eliminates much of the soil cuttings historically generated when monitoring wells are installed. This approach will likely reduce costs and the need for additional vehicles or building specific roads to access the well location. It is anticipated that these wells will be completed by February 2003.
 - Work has also just begun on the 12 monitoring wells in the Preston Park housing area to monitor groundwater in the Upper 180-Foot Aquifer. These wells will be about 250 feet deep and may also be installed using a sonic drilling rig. It is anticipated that these wells will be finished by February 2003.
 - Check <http://www.fortordcleanup.com> for more information and detailed maps.
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