



PLATTSBURGH ATLAS S-11

FACT SHEET

JANUARY 2007

DESCRIPTION.....

The former Atlas S-11 site is located on Bull Run Road, approximately ¼ mile north of Route 11, in the hamlet of Ellenburg Depot in the Town of Ellenburg, New York. It was originally acquired in 1960 by the Department of Defense (DoD) for the purpose of constructing a missile launching facility. By September 1965, Atlas S-11 was deactivated and environmental studies of the site had indicated the presence of trichloroethene (TCE) in groundwater on and off site. The site is currently being used by a private business as a storage area for pallets of architectural stone.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.....

The former Atlas S-11 site is in New York's 23rd district.

AUTHORIZATION.....

The Atlas S-11 site is being investigated under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 authorized that program.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS.....

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), conducted a remedial investigation (RI) and additional environmental evaluation of soil and groundwater associated with Atlas S-11 between December 1998 and September 2003. TCE was not detected in groundwater samples at concentrations exceeding the maximum contamination level (MCL) during the residential well sampling program, conducted from December 1998 to September 1999 or the RI groundwater investigations, conducted from November 2000 to September 2003, with the exception of one sample collected during the first round of RI sampling from a monitoring well located on the Atlas S-11 property. Subsequent concentrations detected at that location appeared to have decreased over time. In the light of the fact that TCE concentrations detected in other groundwater samples have decreased and are consistently below the MCL, it is believed that the TCE contamination associated with former DoD operations at Atlas S-11 does not pose any potential risks to the environment or to the safety of the general public at the hamlet of Ellenburg Depot.

STATUS.....

Based on RI sampling results, USACE has proposed no remedial action for this project. However, USACE is conducting groundwater monitoring semi-annually for a period of 3 years beginning July 2006 to ensure continued protection of public health and the environment. Six rounds of groundwater sampling will be collected semi-annually, and when all data has been reviewed, an evaluation will be made to determine future actions at the site. Sample results from the first round conducted in July 2006 were all below MCL for TCE. The next round of sampling is scheduled for January 2007.

PROJECT COST.....

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Estimated Federal Cost | \$380,000 |
| Estimated Non-Federal Cost | \$0 |
| Total | \$380,000 |

CONTACT.....

Helen Kim, New York District Project Manager, (917) 790-8332