

Pepco Benning Road Facility Remedial Investigation Completed and Presented to the Public:

BACKGROUND

Pepco has completed an evaluation of environmental conditions at the Benning Road Facility and adjacent portions of the Anacostia River. The results of this evaluation, known as Remedial Investigation (RI) were presented to the public on November 2, 2019 at the D.C. Department of Employment Services.

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[RICommunityREPORTNOVEMBER22019Final%20%281997%29.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/604ivtncypspz0d/Benning%20RICommunityREPORTNOVEMBER22019Final%20%281997%29.pdf?dl=0)

The public comment period lasted until December 06, 2019. All relevant documents can be found at <http://BenningServiceCenter.com>.

Now Pepco will evaluate possible clean up actions in a Feasibility Study (FS).

Pepco initially agreed to undertake this work in accordance with a court-

approved consent decree with the District Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE). The consent decree was approved by the Federal District Court in December 2011. DOEE has jurisdiction over Pepco’s work and is soliciting public input and comments during the RI/FS process.



Aerial view of the Benning Road facility with Landside and Waterside Investigation Areas.

CURRENT STATUS

Pepco completed the field work in two phases. Phase I activities were conducted between January 25, 2013 and December 31, 2014, and Phase II activities were conducted between December 1, 2017 and July 9, 2018. The combined field work included the collection and testing of hundreds of samples of soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment across the Benning site and in the Anacostia river.

THE NEXT STEPS

Pepco plans to conduct a “Treatability Study” this year to evaluate the effectiveness of various potential cleanup technologies to be considered in the Feasibility Study. The Treatability Study will include a number of laboratory tests using sediments from the areas of the river where remediation may be warranted. The results of the Treatability Study will be discussed with CAG following the review by DOEE. Although the Treatability Study will push back the completion of the FS, DOEE supports conducting the Treatability Study as an important part of the process for identifying and selecting potential remedies.

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KEY RI/FS PROJECT MILESTONES/TIMELINE

ACTION/EVENT	DATE	NOTES
Entry of Consent Decree by U.S. District Court	December 1, 2011	
Pepco's Submission of Draft RI/FS SOW	December 21, 2011	Draft SOW submitted more than a month ahead of deadline stated in CD.
Pepco's Submission of Draft CIP	December 21, 2011	Draft CIP submitted more than 6 months ahead of deadline stated in CD.
DDOE Approval of RI/FS SOW	April 18, 2012	
DDOE Approval of CIP	June 18, 2012	
Pepco's Submission of Draft RI/FS Work Plans (including HSP, FSP, QAPP and CSM)	July 17, 2012	
DDOE Approval of Final RI/FS Work Plans	December 28, 2012	
Notify DDOE of the start of RI Field Work	January 11, 2013	Within 15 days of DDOE approval of Final RI/FS Work Plans.
Beginning of Phase I RI Field Work	January 25, 2013	Not more than 30 days after DDOE approval of Final RI/FS Work Plans.
Completion of Phase I RI Field Work	December 31, 2014	
Pepco's Submission of Draft RI Report	April 30, 2015	Not more than 120 days after completion of RI field work.
Responses to Public Comments on Draft RI Report	August 23, 2016	
DOEE Approval of RI Phase II Work Plans	October 11, 2016	Also known as Work Plan Addendum #3 for Additional site Investigation.
Beginning of RI Phase II Field Work	December 5, 2016	Fieldwork began more than a month ahead of schedule.
Completion of RI Phase II Field Work	July 9, 2018	DOEE issued Final Approval.
Pepco's Submission of Draft Final RI Report	November 5, 2018	120 days after completion of Phase II Field Work.
Response to Public Comments & Revision of the RI Report	February 3, 2020	Comments received during the extended public comment period ending December 6, 2019.
Final RI Report	February 3, 2020	Subject to DOEE approval.

ACTION/EVENT	DATE	NOTES
Pepco's Submission of Draft FS Report	February 18, 2021	120 days after approval of treatability study report. ³
DOEE Issuance of Record of Decision Regarding Cleanup Actions Promptly after approval of final RI and FS reports	Promptly after approval of final RI and FS reports	
DOEE & Pepco first Joint Status Report to the Court	May 23, 2013	Approved by the Court on May 31, 2013.
Second Status Report to the Court	May 23, 2014	The Court directed the parties to submit the next status report by May 24, 2015.
Third Status Report to the Court	May 22, 2015	The Court directed the parties to submit the next status report on May 24, 2016.
Fourth Status Report to the Court	May 24, 2016	The Court directed the parties to submit the next Status Report on May 31, 2017.
Fifth Status Report to the Court	May 24, 2017	The Court directed the parties to submit a Supplemental Status Report on December 15, 2017.
Supplemental Status Report to the Court	December 15, 2017	The Court directed the parties to submit the next status report on or before July 9, 2018.
Sixth Status Report to the Court	July 9, 2018	The Court directed the parties to submit a Supplemental Status Report on March 9, 2017.
Seventh Status Report to the Court	March 7, 2019	The Court directed the parties to submit the next status report on or before September 6, 2019.
Eighth Status Report to the Court	September 6, 2019	The Court directed the parties to submit the next status report on or before February 3, 2020.
Pepco's submission of the revised Draft Final RI Report	September 19, 2019	

NOTES:

1. Bold faced-entries indicate activities that will trigger request for public comment.
2. Dates are subject to change as project planning and implementation progresses.
This document will be updated periodically as necessary.
3. This schedule assumes treatability studies are necessary and will take approximately 10 months to complete.

ACRONYMS:

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| CD - Consent Decree | HSP - Health and Safety Plan |
| CIP - Community Involvement Plan | QAPP - Quality Assurance Project Plan |
| CSM - Conceptual Site Model | RI - Remedial Investigation |
| FS - Feasibility Study | SOW - Scope of Work |
| FSP - Field Sampling Plan | |

Public Meeting & Final Remedial Investigation Presentation at DOES

NOVEMBER 2, 2019



Ravi Damera of AECOM, the Project Manager presents the final RI report.



Tammy Sanford, the Senior Manager of Environmental Planning for Pepco Holdings (PHI).



ANC Commissioner Antoine Homes, Pepco D.C. President Donna Cooper and River Terrace resident Wanda Carter at a planning meeting.

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