



Department of
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DRILLING NOTICE – SCHEDULE UPDATE

Wadsworth Ave, Levittown, NY

March 27, 2022

This notice is to provide the residents in the area of Wadsworth Avenue an update to the drilling project schedule and summary of what to expect during the next phase of work.

A vertical profile boring (VPB), and one of two recovery wells have been completed at the site. The deep recovery well (RW5B) was completed in late February. Well development activities are currently being conducted at RW5B. Development consists of pumping a large volume of groundwater from the well. During this process, a hose/pipe assembly is secured/sealed to the well head and groundwater is pumped from the well directly to a tanker truck. This water will be taken back to NWIRP Bethpage for proper disposal. Development activities for RW5B are anticipated to be completed in late March 2023.

Beginning in early April 2023, drilling equipment will be set up at recovery well RW5A located on the northwest side of the site. Drilling of the recovery well will commence soon after. Active drilling (operation of the drill rig) is anticipated to last approximately four to five weeks for RW5A. During active drilling, work hours will normally be Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM (no machinery will operate before 8:00 AM) to approximately 6:00/6:30 PM. The additional work hours are required to reduce the possibility of having to redrill the borehole.

The method of drilling for the recovery wells requires constant monitoring of fluid levels in the borehole. Therefore, the drilling contractor will station a technician to keep an overnight and weekend watch to monitor drilling fluid levels and ensure borehole integrity is maintained. Mechanical/motorized equipment is not normally operated during the overnight/weekend watch. Weekend drilling work is not planned; however, if integrity of the borehole becomes questionable, weekend drilling may be required to prevent collapse of the borehole. Every effort will be made to avoid unnecessary weekend drilling.

Installation of the RW5A well screen and casing are expected to occur in early May 2023. This installation will require additional time beyond 6:30 PM. Once installation of the well screen/riser begins, it must continue until completion and may last up to 18 hours. Following installation of RW5A, well development will be conducted. This will be conducted during normal work hours. Development of RW5A will utilize the same practices used at RW5B. Development activities are anticipated to be completed in late May 2023. Demobilization of drilling equipment will be conducted in late May/early June. No work will be conducted over the Memorial Day Weekend (May 27- 30).

Additional work (pipeline installation and recovery well vault/pump installation) will be conducted by a separate Navy contractor. Currently, this next phase of work is anticipated to occur during Summer 2023. Public outreach and notification will be conducted by this contractor prior to the commencement of the next phase of work.

As before, the drilling contractor for the Dept. of Navy will be Delta Drilling and Tetra Tech will provide oversight. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Vincent Varricchio, the Tetra Tech Field Manager, or other contacts as listed on back of this notice.

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