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Some PCBs have moved off Block E, although this movement appears to be limited to sediment transported through the Block E stormwater drain system and into Dark Head Cove and also along the median of Chesapeake Park Plaza. Lockheed Martin removed contaminated sediment from the storm drains and inlets in 2011, and in 2014-15 removed PCB-contaminated sediment from the lower portions of the Outfall 005 stormwater drain system. Portions of the Outfall 006 and 008 systems were cleaned and additional sediments were dredged from Dark Head Cove in 2016-2017 as part of the full sediment remedy for Cow Pen Creek and Dark Head Cove. Lockheed Martin plugged the upland drain system which runs to Outfall 005 near Block E in 2015 to prevent contaminant movement until Block E can be fully remedied.

IDENTIFYING AND EVALUATING POSSIBLE CLEANUP METHODS

Lockheed Martin followed the process recommended by the state of Maryland, which is consistent with federal guidelines, to develop its preferred alternatives for cleaning up Block E. This multi-step process resulted in recommendation of the most sensible alternative for cleaning up the site.

Since 1998, the comprehensive sampling program for the Block E remedial investigation (RI) included collecting 69 concrete samples, more than 1,000 surface soil samples, more than 600 subsurface soil samples, and groundwater samples from 74 monitoring wells and 42 temporary well points to locate and characterize any chemical contaminants remaining in the soil, groundwater, and sediments.

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LOCKHEED MARTIN’S THREE REMEDIAL ACTION OBJECTIVES

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Four areas in Block E were pinpointed for cleanup because of their high PCB concentrations. They are the areas beneath the former locations of three transformer rooms on the Building D slab, and the grassy field just west of the existing 500,000-gallon water tank, where a 500,000-gallon diesel fuel oil tank was once located. To achieve these goals, Lockheed Martin will clean up the areas of affected soil to different chemical concentrations depending on their depth, with shallower surface soil (from zero to two feet below soil surface) being cleaned up more than deeper soil (located from two to 20 feet below the surface).

IDENTIFYING REMEDIAL ACTION ALTERNATIVES

After identifying the remedial action objectives, Lockheed Martin considered various remediation technologies and process options. These were separated subsequently into seven categories: (1) no action (required as a baseline point of comparison); (2) limited action; (3) containment; (4) removal; (5) in situ treatment (meaning treatment in place); (6) ex situ treatment (meaning treatment away from the place where contaminants were originally found); and (7) excavation and disposal.

OVERALL CRITERIA

Cleanup alternatives MUST meet Threshold Criteria to be considered further. Balancing Criteria are used to compare cleanup alternatives against each other. Modifying Criteria are the state and local acceptance of the cleanup alternative.

COMPARING THE ALTERNATIVES

Lockheed Martin compared the technologies and process options with respect to their effectiveness, implementability, and relative cost. The alternatives were then evaluated according to overall criteria. To be considered viable, an alternative must meet the two threshold criteria of (1) overall protection of human health and the environment and (2) compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate statutory and regulatory requirements. The alternatives that met these threshold criteria were then rated according to balancing criteria: (1) long-term effectiveness and performance; (2) short-term effectiveness; (3) environmental impacts; (4) reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment; (5) implementability; (6) costs; and (7) sustainability. Finally, the two modifying criteria of state and local acceptance will be evaluated.

ALTERNATIVES

Lockheed Martin developed eight alternative approaches for cleaning up Block E, of which five were selected for final evaluation:

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Alternative 4: Excavate impacted surface soil using conventional methods and remove impacted subsurface soil using large-diameter augers. The same areas and volumes of soil would be excavated as in Alternative 3. Dispose of soil off-site at an approved location. Apply institutional controls regarding future use of the site.
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Alternative 8: Excavate impacted surface and subsurface soil using conventional methods and treat excavated soil using thermal desorption ex situ (accomplished on-site away from the excavated area). Treated soil would then be used as backfill. Apply institutional controls regarding future use of the site.

ELEMENTS COMMON TO ALL ALTERNATIVES

Several activities are common to Alternatives 3, 4, 7, and 8:

• Remove the soil piles on top of the Building D foundation slab to access the entire slab.
• Install a temporary retaining wall on the western side of the Building D foundation to provide access to the slab and stabilize the adjacent Tilley Chemical Company property.
• Demolish and reuse onsite as fill in the excavation hole the Building D foundation slab and footings and other Block E concrete surfaces and asphalt.
• Remove the abandoned pipeline that was used to move fuel oil to Block I.
• Remove and dispose of the contaminated storm-drain system and associated contaminated soil from within Block E, moving through Block F approaching the Outfall 005 discharge structures.
• Design and construct a new stormwater-management system.
• Backfill and restore the Block E surface, placing soil, topsoil, and seed over disturbed areas.
• Remove and dispose of any radiological materials found beneath former Building D.

PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION

For Lockheed Martin, success is a measure of how well the company recognizes and fulfills its responsibilities to protect the environment, provide a safe workplace, protect neighboring communities, ensure stewardship of natural resources, and answers to employees, customers, and shareholders. All this was considered in selecting Alternative 3 for cleaning up the Block E soil, which will:

• Remove all soil from zero to two-feet below the surface of the ground (or beneath the underside of the slab) necessary to achieve less than the cumulative human-health cancer and non-cancer risk levels for industrial workers, and, as an added safety factor, remove all soil in the area, zero to two feet below the surface of the ground where PCB contamination is greater than 25 parts per million (ppm).

Removing the impacted soil will meet all remedial action objectives. Regarding the replacement of the stormwater management system, Lockheed Martin will carefully sequence stormwater management in conjunction with storm-drain replacement, to meet Remedial Action Objective 2 (to prevent contaminant transfer to Dark Head Cove) while Alternative 3 is being implemented. After work is complete, Lockheed Martin will seek a “No Further Action” letter from the Maryland Department of the Environment. In that letter, the Maryland Department of the Environment is expected to establish restrictions for Block E use to prevent potential exposure to contaminants that might remain after cleanup, as well as prohibit the use of groundwater for any purpose. Although this plan proposes cleanup to an industrial standard, the site could still be used for residential, commercial, or recreational purposes; however, to do so might require additional remediation.

SCHEDULE

Major activities are anticipated to occur according to the following schedule:

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2020—Final risk-based disposal approval application submittal.

2021—Perform remedial actions.

2022-2023—Post-cleanup monitoring (may take longer).
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to be concerned about Block E PCBs affecting me?
Block E is an industrial site; public access is restricted and will continue to be so during and after remediation. Also, the PCBs at the site are located mainly beneath the Building D slab and are not accessible to the public or workers onsite.

Besides PCBs and PAHs, what other chemicals of concern were found in Block E?
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1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (1,2,4-TCB), typically used as a solvent or chemical stabilizer, was found near the location of PCBs, and was likely used in the insulating fluid in transformers and underground electric lines. Chlorobenzenes in Block E are in the soil and groundwater around the location of former transformer rooms 2, 3, and 4. These chemicals will be removed when PCB-contaminated soil is removed. Additional study is underway with respect to groundwater.

How will remediation construction proceed?
Generally speaking, impacted surface soil will be excavated using conventional methods. For subsurface soil excavation, both sheet pile and sloped side walls will be considered. In the former, sheet piles would be driven around the excavation area, and the soil excavated. The exposed area would be backfilled after excavation and the sheet pile removed. In the latter, excavation side walls would be sloped or terraced to create safe side walls. Soil samples would be taken from the side walls and bottom of soil excavations to confirm that any remaining contaminants are within acceptable requirements. Because Block E is next to Dark Head Cove, the water table is high and water-saturated soil will be drained before or during excavation. Containment areas for draining soil will be set up on the Building D slab; extracted groundwater will be treated before discharge to a sanitary sewer. If discharge to Dark Head Cove is appropriate, an application would be submitted for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Lockheed Martin will be moving an estimated 22,000 cubic yards (or 1,700 truckloads) of impacted soil, 300 truckloads of demolished concrete which will be reused mostly onsite, and 3,000 truckloads of backfill. Trucks will likely operate 10 hours a day, five days a week. All trucks will be decontaminated before leaving the site. Tires will be washed; trucks screened for radioactivity and affixed with appropriate signage; loads will be secured with tarps; and truck safety systems will be checked before leaving the site. Excavated soil will be disposed at approved locations appropriate for the contaminants identified.

Block E remediation will likely take approximately six to eight months to accomplish, weather dependent.
How will removal of the Building D slab be handled?
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Will remediation construction be risky to the community?
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• All radioactive waste shipments will be performed in accordance with MDE, NRC, and U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.

How will removal of the Building D slab be handled?

All concrete in Block E (an estimated 24,000 tons, some 300 truckloads) will be removed although concrete tested and verified to be clean may be crushed and reused as backfill in the excavations. Work will proceed in stages: after slab removal in one area, soil excavation and confirmation sampling will be completed, and backfilling will begin while slab removal and excavation begins in another area. This will minimize the area of impacted soil exposed to stormwater and reduce the volume of water to be treated. The concrete slab will be removed in manageable sections to facilitate radiological screening and sampling of the concrete and underlying floor drains. Concrete with radiological levels above Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulatory Guidelines will be segregated from non-impacted material. Results from radiation and contamination surveys of exposed areas of the drain system and surrounding soil will determine if conditions are safe before proceeding to remove the next section of concrete. If an area of elevated radiological activity is found in the soil after slab removal, the area will be covered and secured to prevent the spread of contamination, and barricaded to prevent the entry of unauthorized personnel. Results of radiological surveys will determine how materials should be packaged and removed for disposal at an appropriately licensed facility.

Will remediation construction be risky to the community?

Risk to the community and to onsite workers from the cleanup will be insignificant. During removal of impacted soil, airborne dust will be monitored, and dust-suppression methods (such as wetting down dry areas) will be used as appropriate.

GLOSSARY

Bioremediation—Nutrients (e.g., sugars) are injected to encourage the growth of naturally occurring bacteria in soil and water under the ground. These bacteria break down contaminants into non-hazardous substances. Bioremediation may also include injections of additional bacteria to increase those already present.

Carcinogen—A substance that can cause cancer.

Chemical(s) of concern (COC)—Chemicals that might cause unacceptable adverse effects to human health or ecological receptors.

Chlorobenzene—Chlorobenzene is a colorless, aromatic, and flammable organic compound widely used as a solvent, an industrial degreaser, and in the manufacture of other compounds such as herbicides, dyes, and rubber.

Cleanup—Actions to address a release or threat of release of a hazardous substance that could adversely affect humans or the environment. The term “cleanup” is sometimes used interchangeably with the terms remediation, remedial action, removal action, response action, or corrective action.

ex situ—Away from the original location or place where pollutants are found.

Impacted soil—Soil having concentrations of chemical(s) of concern (COC) associated with an incremental excess lifetime cancer risk greater than one-in-100,000 or a non-cancer risk greater than a hazard index of 1.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to be concerned about Block E PCBs affecting me?
Block E is an industrial site; public access is restricted and will continue to be so during and after remediation. Also, the PCBs at the site are located mainly beneath the Building D slab and are not accessible to the public or workers onsite.

Besides PCBs and PAHs, what other chemicals of concern were found in Block E?
The commonly used industrial volatile solvent trichloroethylene (TCE) appears to have leaked from an underground storage tank discovered in Block E in 2013. The tank was located along the Building D foundation in the southeastern portion of the site near the water tower. A significant amount of this TCE in Block E soil and groundwater was removed using a multi-phase extraction system. Enhanced bioremediation wells and piping have been installed, and a hydraulic containment system and a permeable reactive barrier are currently in design as part of the groundwater remedial action plan (a Citizens Guide, which explains this work, is available at www.lockheedmartin.com/middleriver). Another TCE plume originates north of Block E in the area of Building C in Block I, passes through the center of Block E and moves towards the southeast. This plume has been treated and is now being assessed under the groundwater monitoring program.

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (1,2,4-TCB), typically used as a solvent or chemical stabilizer, was found near the location of PCBs, and likely used in the insulating fluid in transformers and underground electric lines. Chlorobenzenes in Block E are in the soil and groundwater around the location of former transformer rooms 2, 3, and 4. These chemicals will be removed when PCB-contaminated soil is removed. Additional study is underway with respect to groundwater.

How will remediation construction proceed?
Generally speaking, impacted surface soil will be excavated using conventional methods. For subsurface soil excavation, both sheet pile and sloped side walls will be considered. In the former, sheet piles would be driven around the excavation area, and the soil excavated. The exposed area would be backfilled after excavation and the sheet pile removed. In the latter, excavation side walls would be sloped or terraced to create safe side walls. Soil samples would be taken from the side walls and bottom of soil excavations to confirm that any remaining contaminants are within acceptable requirements. Because Block E is next to Dark Head Cove, the water table is high and water-saturated soil will be drained before or during excavation. Containment areas for draining soil will be set up on the Building D slab; extracted groundwater will be treated before discharge to a sanitary sewer. If discharge to Dark Head Cove is appropriate, an application would be submitted for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Lockheed Martin will be moving an estimated 22,000 cubic yards (or 1,700 truckloads) of impacted soil, 300 truckloads of demolished concrete which will be reused, mostly onsite, and 3,000 truckloads of backfill. Trucks will likely operate 10 hours a day, five days a week. All trucks will be decontaminated before leaving the site. Tires will be washed; trucks screened for radioactivity and affixed with appropriate signage; loads will be secured with tarps; and truck safety systems will be checked before leaving the site. Excavated soil will be disposed at approved locations appropriate for the contaminants identified.

Block E remediation will likely take approximately six to eight months to accomplish, weather dependent.

approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The final Risk-Based Disposal Approval Application will be submitted in 2020 along with the final remedial action design.

Lockheed Martin’s investigations indicate that PCBs and polycyclic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in REC#1 are located at depths as great as 20 feet below the soil surface. The PAHs in Block E might be associated with fill material placed historically at the site, and are a common contaminant at the Middle River Complex.

Some PCBs have moved off Block E, although this movement appears to be limited to sediment transported through the Block E stormwater drain system and into Dark Head Cove and also along the median of Chesapeake Park Plaza. Lockheed Martin removed contaminated sediment from the storm drains and inlets in 2011, and in 2014-15 removed PCB-contaminated sediment from the lower portions of the Outfall 005 stormwater drain system. Portions of the Outfall 006 and 008 systems were cleaned and additional sediments were dredged from Dark Head Cove in 2016-2017 as part of the full sediment remedy for Cow Pen Creek and Dark Head Cove. Lockheed Martin plugged the upland drain system which runs to Outfall 005 near Block E in 2015 to prevent contaminant movement until Block E can be fully remediated.

IDENTIFYING AND EVALUATING POSSIBLE CLEANUP METHODS

Lockheed Martin followed the process recommended by the state of Maryland, which is consistent with federal guidelines, to develop its preferred alternatives for cleaning up Block E. This multi-step process resulted in recommendation of the most sensible alternative for cleaning up the site.

Since 1998, the comprehensive sampling program for the Block E remedial investigation (RI) included collecting 69 concrete samples, more than 1,000 surface soil samples, more than 600 subsurface soil samples, and groundwater samples from 74 monitoring wells and 42 temporary well points to locate and characterize any chemical contaminants remaining in the soil, groundwater, and sediments.

Following the data collection, Lockheed Martin conducted a human health risk assessment to determine whether concentrations of chemicals in Block E were so high that they could potentially be a health risk to humans working at the site. The company used the risk level set by the Maryland Department of the Environment for an industrial site, which means that Block E must be cleaned to a point where human exposure to contaminants does not exceed a one in 100,000 increased theoretical risk of cancer over a lifetime for industrial or construction workers. Through further analysis, Lockheed Martin pinpointed those areas that needed to be remediated to ensure continued on page 4
that human exposure will not exceed the Maryland Department of the Environment’s risk level. This analysis was used to set the Remedial Action Objectives for Block E, the achievement of which should result in a “No Further Action” designation.

LOCKEED MARTIN’S THREE REMEDIAL ACTION OBJECTIVES

Lockheed Martin set three remedial action objectives for Block E:

1) reduce site-related chemicals of concern to a cumulative risk of cancer for industrial and construction workers to 1 in 100,000 and reduce non-cancer risk to a health index of 1;
2) to the extent practicable, prevent the transfer of PCBs from Block E surface soil and storm drains to discharged stormwater at concentrations that would impact the sediment remedy already in place in Dark Head Cove; and
3) to the extent practicable, prevent leaching of PCBs from soil to groundwater at concentrations that would impact Dark Head Cove.

Four areas in Block E were pinpointed for cleanup because of their high PCB concentrations. They are the areas beneath the former locations of three transformer rooms on the Building D slab, and the grassy field just west of the existing 500,000-gallon water tank, where a 500,000-gallon diesel fuel oil tank was once located. To achieve these goals, Lockheed Martin will clean up the areas of affected soil to different chemical concentrations depending on their depth, with shallower surface soil (from zero to two feet below soil surface) being cleaned up more than deeper soil (located from two to 20 feet below the surface).

IDENTIFYING REMEDIAL ACTION ALTERNATIVES

After identifying the remedial action objectives, Lockheed Martin considered various remediation technologies and process options. These were separated subsequently into seven categories: (1) no action (required as a baseline point of comparison); (2) limited action; (3) containment; (4) removal; (5) in situ treatment (meaning treatment in place); (6) ex situ treatment (meaning treatment away from the place where contaminants were originally found); and (7) excavation and disposal.

OVERALL CRITERIA

Cleanup alternatives MUST meet Threshold Criteria to be considered further. Balancing Criteria are used to compare cleanup alternatives against each other. Modifying Criteria are the state and local acceptance of the cleanup alternative.

COMPARING THE ALTERNATIVES

Lockheed Martin compared the technologies and process options with respect to their effectiveness, implementability, and relative cost. The alternatives were then evaluated according to overall criteria. To be considered viable, an alternative must meet the two threshold criteria of (1) overall protection of human health and the environment and (2) compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate statutory and regulatory requirements. The alternatives that met these threshold criteria were then rated according to balancing criteria: (1) long-term effectiveness and performance; (2) short-term effectiveness; (3) environmental impacts; (4) reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment; (5) implementability; (6) costs; and (7) sustainability. Finally, the two modifying criteria of state and local acceptance will be evaluated.

ALTERNATIVES

Lockheed Martin developed eight alternative approaches for cleaning up Block E, of which five were selected for final evaluation:

Alternative 1: No action. This alternative is required as a baseline point of comparison.

Alternative 3: Excavate the impacted surface and subsurface soil (that is, soil exceeding the cumulative health-risk level) using conventional construction equipment, such as is used at building or road construction sites. Dispose of soil at an approved off-site location. Apply institutional controls (such as deed restrictions or fencing) regarding future use of the site.

Alternative 4: Excavate impacted surface soil using conventional methods and remove impacted subsurface soil using large-diameter augers. The same areas and volumes of soil would be excavated as in Alternative 3. Dispose of soil off-site at an approved location. Apply institutional controls regarding future use of the site.

Alternative 7: Excavate impacted surface soil using conventional methods and dispose of soil at an approved off-site location. Use in situ thermal desorption to treat subsurface soil. (In in situ thermal desorption, the soil is heated in place and a slight vacuum is applied to extract soil vapors.) Apply institutional controls regarding future use of the site.

Alternative 8: Excavate impacted surface and subsurface soil using conventional methods and treat excavated soil using thermal desorption ex situ (accomplished on-site away from the excavated area). Treated soil would then be used as backfill. Apply institutional controls regarding future use of the site.

ELEMTENTS COMMON TO ALL ALTERNATIVES

Several averages are common to Alternatives 3, 4, 7, and 8:

- Remove the soil piles on top of the Building D foundation slab to access the entire slab.
- Install a temporary retaining wall on the western side of the Building D foundation to provide access to the slab and stabilize the adjacent Tilley Chemical Company property.
- Demolish and reuse onsite as fill in the excavation hole the Building D foundation slab and footings and other Block E concrete surfaces and asphalt.
- Remove the abandoned pipeline that was used to move fuel oil to Block I.
- Remove and dispose of the contaminated storm-drain system and associated contaminated soil from within Block E, moving through Block F approaching the Outfall 005 discharge structures.
- Design and construct a new stormwater-management system.
- Backfill and restore the Block E surface, placing soil, topsoil, and seed over disturbed areas.
- Remove and dispose of any radiological materials found beneath former Building D.

SCHEDULE

Major activities are anticipated to occur according to the following schedule:

2019—Final remedial action plan and draft risk-based disposal approval application submitted.
2020—Final risk-based disposal approval application submitted.
2021—Perform remedial actions.
2022-2023—Post-cleanup monitoring (may take longer).