Vasquez Boulevard & Interstate 70 Superfund Site (VB/I-70)

VB I-70/OU2 Removal Action
City & County of Denver's Globeville Landing Outfall Project
Dec 9, 2016 EPA Response to Public Comment

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received numerous public comments on the Vasquez Boulevard I-70 (VB I-70) Superfund Site Operable Unit 2 (OU2) removal action asking to halt or delay the City and County of Denver's Globeville Landing Outfall project, part of the City and County of Denver's larger Platte to Park Hill stormwater drainage project. The EPA would like to clarify that the design and construction of the Globeville Landing Outfall project is not the VB I-70 OU2 removal action—this removal action involves developing and implementing a materials management plan for the screening, excavation, handling, and disposal of waste materials encountered during the construction of the Globeville Landing Outfall project in OU2. Pursuant to a settlement agreement, the City and County of Denver is implementing the removal action, with EPA and CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment) oversight. The removal action settlement agreement described the environmental components of the removal action as 1) management and handling of waste material encountered during construction of the stormwater drainage feature; 2) management and, if necessary treatment and/or disposal, of dewatering liquid during construction; and 3) design and construction of an impermeable barrier system to prevent any contaminants remaining within the boundaries of the stormwater drainage feature from adversely impacting stormwater retained within and conveyed by the stormwater drainage feature, as well as prevent stormwater infiltration into contaminated media remaining beneath or surrounding the feature. The City and County of Denver is assisting EPA with community outreach for the removal action. The EPA's role is to oversee that the City and County of Denver develops and implements the environmental components of the removal action to protect human health and the environment while constructing the Globeville Landing Outfall project. EPA's role is not to make land use decisions for the City and County of Denver.

Community Involvement Plan:

All requirements for community involvement for the VB I-70 OU2 removal action have been met, and the City and County of Denver has conducted additional outreach at numerous meetings over the course of the past year regarding the removal action, park improvements, and the Globeville Landing Outfall project. EPA published a public notice of this removal action and the opportunity to comment on the administrative record in the Denver Post on September 7, 2015; worked with the City and County of Denver to conduct community interviews; and finalized a community involvement plan addendum. The City and County of Denver incorporated information about this removal action into their ongoing Platte to Park Hill outreach efforts resulting in at least 15 meetings, workshops, and tours where it was discussed publicly. Additionally, the City and County of Denver arranged for two community availability sessions in the affected neighborhoods on November 3rd and 5th where EPA and CDPHE were in attendance. The City and County of Denver, CDPHE, and EPA will be hosting regularly-occurring Community Advisory Group meetings to discuss issues regarding VB/I-70.

Environmental Protective Measures:

In accordance with the terms of the removal action settlement agreement and following EPA protocols, the City and County of Denver will conduct the work for the Globeville Landing Outfall project while ensuring that environmental protective measures are in place in order to address any potential releases

of, or worker exposure to, hazardous substances. These measures are detailed in both the Materials Management Plan as well as the Methane, Odor, and Dust Control Plan. These documents were approved by the EPA and CDPHE pursuant to the removal action settlement agreement. The City and County of Denver will monitor methane and odor levels and will use appropriate mitigation measures if detected (i.e., wetting, ventilation, limiting excavation area, covering, etc.). Fugitive dust will be managed through measures which may include applying water to stockpiles and open excavations, covering stockpiles, revegetating open soil areas, etc. The City and County of Denver is also performing an air emissions monitoring program, in order to determine ambient concentration of particulate matter with a diameter of 10 microns or less (PM_{10}) for OU2. During the construction activities for the Globeville Landing Outfall project, there are a few ways to stay connected and informed. These include the following:

Websites:
www.denvergov.org/plattetoparkhill for periodic updates on construction
www.denvergov.org/EnvironmentalLandUse for information on the environmental components
www.epa.gov/superfund/vb-i70 for EPA project documents and updates

Project Hotline: (720) 274-5910

Email: globevillelanding@kiewit.com

All required community relations activities have been conducted and additional extensive community outreach has been and will be conducted. EPA and CDPHE have approved all the plans the City and County of Denver agreed to and was required to prepare under the settlement agreement. As long as the City and County of Denver complies with these approved plans in construction of the Globeville Landing Outfall project, EPA has no basis under the removal action settlement agreement for halting or delaying work on Denver's Globeville Landing Outfall project. EPA and CDPHE will be overseeing work on this project and will ensure that this action is conducted with the utmost care for protection of human health and the environment.

Air Monitoring Locations for VB I-70 OU2 Removal Action/GLO Project