

Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch
CTS of Asheville Summary
(NCD003149556/Former APS# 20358)
Mills Gap Road, Buncombe County

This is the May, 2010 update of activities directed by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources that CTS is performing at the Mills Gap Road site in Asheville.

May 2010 Update:

- A paper copy of the revised Phase II work plan was submitted to NCDENR by MacTec on CTS's behalf on April 4, 2010. NCDENR staff are currently reviewing and composing a reply to the proposed revisions.
- NCDENR staff coordinated a site visit with MacTec (the environmental consulting company working for CTS) and the North Carolina Geologic Survey (NCGS) to allow additional mapping of the geology at the site on April 20, 2010. During the site visit, NCGS staff provided an update to MacTec on the regional geologic mapping work that they have performed to date. The NCGS was also able to map the geology of the site located within the fenced areas. Mr. Aaron Penland was present at the gate of the fenced areas of the former CTS facility and utilized a camcorder to record the initial tailgate meetings prior to NCGS staff collecting field measurements on geologic outcrops. Mr. Penland also held an impromptu meeting with NCDENR staff on the adjacent Rice property to discuss issues concerning the spring areas.
- Ms. Dot Rice, an owner of property adjacent to the CTS site, contacted NCDENR staff to inquire about getting a key to the fenced area which surrounds the springs and restricts access. Ms. Rice noted that her family would like to clear the trees from within the fenced area around the springs and sell them. NCDENR staff noted that they do not have a key to the fenced area and requested that Ms. Rice speak with her attorney since it is NCDENR's understanding that the agreement restricting access to the springs area was privately negotiated between Ms. Rice, her attorney, and CTS.
- Mr. Aaron Penland contacted NCDENR staff inquiring about the purpose of the site visit which had occurred on April 20, 2010. Staff informed Mr. Penland that the NCGS had been on the CTS site with MacTec to share information related to geologic mapping work and the ongoing site assessment. Staff explained how the regional and onsite geology plays an important role in the planning of site assessment efforts and how geologic attributes can influence the movement of contamination.