

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

This is the February, 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.

IHSB-CTS Site, Order of Documents:

**February 2010 Update:**

- CTS submitted the Phase II Work Plan on February 5, 2010. The plan is being reviewed by NCDENR staff.
- NCDENR sent copies of the Phase II work plan to Mills Gap Road Community Advisory Group (CAG) members Dave Ogren, Tate McQueen and Barry Durand upon a telephone request from Aaron Penland. A copy of the Phase II work plan has been sent to the information repository at the Pack Memorial Library in Asheville. A digital copy of the document has also been placed on the Division of Waste Management's website at: <http://www.wastenotnc.org/CTSMillsGapRoad/>
- A meeting was called by Senator Richard Burr's office to discuss the progress and plans for future activities at the CTS site. The meeting was held on January 23, 2010 at the Federal Building in Asheville and included updates by US EPA staff, NCDENR staff, and NC DHHS (Dept of Health and Human Services) staff. Attending the meeting were Congressman Heath Shuler, senior aides from Senator Richard Burr's office, senior aides from Senator Kay Hagan's office, state Representative Jane Wilden, a representative from the Clean Water for North Carolina organization, and CAG members serving as spokesmen for the residents who live near the CTS site.
- CAG member Aaron Penland made calls to NCDENR staff in February, inquiring about what was entailed in the recently submitted Phase II work plan and why CTS is being "allowed" to hire a licensed environmental consultant of their choosing (MacTec). Mr. Penland was provided an explanation of the licensure process and that any assessment work which involves the interpretation of subsurface geologic conditions or preparation of conceptual corrective action plans has to be performed under the oversight of geologists, engineers or professional corporations who are duly licensed in the state of North Carolina to perform those activities. The rules requiring licensure requirements for

assessment and preparation of conceptual remediation plans for regulated sites with exceedances of the state's groundwater quality standards can be found in the North Carolina Administrative Code 15A NCAC Subchapter 2L .0103 (e).

- NCDENR staff visited the site on January 26<sup>th</sup> for an onsite briefing by the North Carolina Geological Survey (NCGS) and the US EPA. NCGS has mapped several rock outcrops in the general area around the CTS site and are producing lineation maps of geologic structures to assist NCDENR and the US EPA.
- The NCGS was also onsite during the week of January 25<sup>th</sup> performing geophysical tests on the monitoring wells installed by the US EPA.
- The US EPA was in the project area during the week of January 25<sup>th</sup> requesting permission from specific area residents for access to their properties for specialized drinking water well sampling. The specialized laboratory analyses of these samples will attempt to identify specific isotopes present in groundwater contamination and compare those detections with contaminated water from the former CTS site.