

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

This is the August 2009 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:

CTS to NCDENR Final Phase I Report 7-28-09

NCDENR 7-29-09 Press Release CTS Cleanup

August 2009 Update:

- On July 28, CTS submitted the final report of the Phase I Remedial Investigation. Staff members with the N.C. Division of Waste Management are evaluating the data in the report. Data from two recently installed off-site deep bedrock monitoring wells were included in the report. Bedrock monitoring well MW-9B, adjacent to Pinners Cove Road, did not detect any tested contaminants. Bedrock monitoring well MW-11B, completed at a depth of 188 feet below ground surface, along the southern side of Mills Gap Road and east of the site approaching Concord Road, detected 35,000 parts per billion of trichloroethylene, which exceeds the federal safe drinking water standards. The next phase in the assessment will involve submittal of a Phase II work plan after the Phase I report is reviewed by the state's inactive hazardous sites branch. The Phase II work plan will define the remaining required groundwater delineation as well as any source area evaluation deficiencies identified in the Phase I final report.
- The state Department of Environment and Natural Resources announced in a news release distributed on July 29 that it will delay acting on a draft administrative agreement with CTS until the Environmental Protection Agency decides whether to list the site on the National Priorities List, or NPL. The EPA is currently re-scoring the site to determine if it is eligible for the NPL. At the same time, CTS will continue its investigations to assess the extent of the contamination. The state Department of Environment and Natural Resources is overseeing CTS's investigations.
- On July 30, Buncombe County posted a list of questions and answers generated after the April 21 meeting of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners. The questions and answers are at:
www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/Health/news_detail.asp?newsID=7828