

## Tennessee Redevelopment of Former Petroleum Sites

A former BP Mart located near the University of Tennessee (UT) campus in Knoxville had four underground storage tanks. The underground storage tanks were removed in 2013 and the Tennessee Division of Underground Storage Tanks issued a closure letter on August 15, 2013. About a month later, while drilling caisson borings for redevelopment, petroleum impacted groundwater was encountered. The Division sent a letter requiring a site assessment that was completed and submitted. Based on the risk calculations and the petroleum contaminant levels that were identified, the site was placed into closure monitoring. The last monitoring report is due September 2, 2014, and it is expected the case will most likely be closed. The caisson borings were being installed for stabilization, due to the site having to be lowered approximately 11 feet, for the new multi-story residential/retail project known as Evolve Apartments. According to a July 8, 2014, Knoxville News Sentinel article, this multistory residential project will open in time for the fall semester at the University of Tennessee and is changing the way the thoroughfare will look in the future. The article states that so far the apartments are 97 percent pre-leased, with parking on the property around 70 percent pre-leased. Surrounding businesses are looking forward to having an increased number of residents living close by.

