



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT:

Anderson Co.

Site Location

Anderson Co. was located at 104-108 E Washington Street in central downtown Hagerstown, Washington County. The site was located in a relatively flat area at approximately 540 feet above mean sea level. Overland flow is directed to the City sewer system that discharges into the Antietam Creek approximately ¾-mile to the southeast. The geographic coordinates are latitude 39.641001° north and longitude - 77.717434° west.

Site History

An investigation into the history of this property revealed that a drycleaner operated on the site sometime prior to 1951 until November 24, 2000, when the last lessee, We Kare, Inc., went out of business. The property was bought by the adjacent Hagerstown Day Nursery on May 1, 2001. The former dry cleaning facility was razed sometime in 2003. It is not known if the site operated as a pickup service with limited solvent use (pre-spotting) or conducted dry cleaning on site. EPA Envirofacts documents perchloroethene as an air pollutant at this site.

Environmental Investigations

In 1999 MDE's Oil Control Program files indicated that a 500 gallon underground storage tank containing Varsol was removed from the ground. There was no indication that the tank had been leaking. In 2012 a Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report was conducted by MDE which recommended that the site be placed in CERCLIS based on the potential for indoor vapor intrusion into adjacent buildings. In 2013 MDE's Land Restoration Program conducted a Preliminary Assessment of the property which recommended that the site be subject to further investigation due to sensitive populations on and near the site.

Current Status

Currently, the Hagerstown Day Nursery utilizes the former dry cleaning site as an outdoor playground for the children enrolled at the school. MDE completed a Site Inspection Sampling Plan in November 2015 which will be submitted to EPA for review, comment and approval.



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