



Facts About...

Sachs Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program Site)

Site Location

The 44.2645-acre Sachs property, consisting of four adjacent parcels, is located at 1417, 1430, 1440 and 1450 West Nursery Road in Linthicum Heights in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The property is currently leased to two towing companies for storage of used vehicles and other mechanical equipment. Two uninhabitable single-family dwellings, two warehouses a barn and two sheds are also present on the property. These structures are used for storage. The property is bounded by West Nursery Road to the east, a ramp to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295) to the south, residential homes to the southwest and a small tributary to the Patapsco River to the northwest.

Site History

Portions of the property were used for agricultural purposes from the early 1920s until the 1940s. In the 1930s, a salvage business (Linthicum Motor Company) began operating on the remaining portions of the property. In the 1940s, all agricultural use of the property ceased. In 1997, the salvage operations at the property ceased but the salvage materials remained on site.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In November 2004, a Phase I environmental site assessment identified the potential for impacts to the soil and groundwater due to the previous agricultural and salvage activities on the property. An unused groundwater well also is present on the property. The assessment noted prior involvement at the property by MDE's Oil Control Program and Scrap Tire Program. The OCP has a closed case (#99-1744AA1) associated with the property related to a release that may have occurred in 1999. The Scrap Tire program has an open case associated with the number of tires present on the property.

In August 2005, a limited Phase II environmental site assessment included collection of soil, surface water and groundwater samples. The assessment also identified the presence of an unpermitted dump on the property with buried debris that consists of mainly asphalt tar shingles.

In May 2006, an updated Phase I environmental site assessment confirmed the findings of the previous investigations. In August 2006, additional Phase II environmental site assessment activities included the collection of additional groundwater and soil samples to meet MDE's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) requirements.

Current Status

On January 27, 2006, BWI Technology Park Phase II, LLC, a prospective lessee of the property, submitted an application to the VCP as an inculcable person seeking a Certificate of Completion for commercial use of the property. The VCP requested additional sampling and the resulting data was submitted on August 31, 2006. The property was accepted into the VCP on December 5, 2006. A Response Action Plan (RAP) public informational meeting was held on September 9, 2008 at the Baltimore County Public Library in Arbutus, Maryland. The RAP was approved for implementation on April 29, 2009.



On March 15, 2010, BWI Nursery Road, Inc. submitted an application as an inculpable person and on March 23, 2010, the Department accepted the application and reiterated that the approved RAP must be implemented.

Contact

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