



Facts About...

1301 South Conkling Street
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 1-acre 1301 South Conkling Street property is located in Baltimore City, Maryland in a mixed use area. The property boundaries essentially coincide with the warehouse. Adjoining the property to the north, east and west are the VCP sites, Gunther Brewery – Parcel 7 – “Toone Street”, Gunther Brewery – Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” – Southwest Portion, and Gunther Brewery – Parcel 9 – “Triangular Parcel/Parking Lot”, respectively. The property is bounded to the west by South Conkling Street with residences and commercial businesses beyond.

Site History

Historically, the property was used as a beer bottling and storage facility for a succession of brewing companies located on an adjacent property to the north. It was also used for furniture sales by the White & Herman Furniture Company. In 2000, the property was owned by United Decorative Flower Co. Inc. and used as a warehouse to store cardboard cartons of decorative flowers and wooden seasonal ornaments.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

No historical site activities of concern have been identified; however, petroleum contamination in the underlying groundwater and soil originating from the nearby Exxon terminal has been investigated the MDE Oil Control Program (OCP). No drinking water wells exist within 0.5 miles of the property.

In September 1993, a Phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) conducted at the property noted the presence of one 55-gallon drum labeled caustic in the basement and the presence of a machine shop on the property.

In April 2000, a Phase I ESA was completed that noted the historic presence of the machine shop and the presence of two partially filled 35-gallon containers and one 55-gallon drum that appeared to contain some type of petroleum product and 1 full 55-gallon drum labeled corrosive in the basement at the property. It also noted that petroleum contamination in the groundwater from the Exxon terminal may impact the property.

In November 2000, a Phase II ESA was completed that included collection of four soil samples and two groundwater samples from two borings. Petroleum odors were noted in soils greater than 6 feet below ground surface. In a November 21, 2000 letter, the MDE OCP indicated that there was no further investigation necessary at the site related to petroleum contamination. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, gasoline range organics and diesel range organics were indentified in the soil and chromium was identified in the groundwater.

In March 2001, four additional soil samples were collected to meet the requirements of the VCP. The VCP review of the application package found chromium to be a risk driver for dermal contact with groundwater.



Current Status

On December 14, 2000, Gunther Bottle, LLC, submitted a VCP application as an inculpable person. On June 14, 2001, the VCP issued a No Further Requirements Determination for commercial or industrial use of the property with a prohibition on use of groundwater beneath the property and a requirement for analysis and proper disposal of any excavated soil.

Contact

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