



Facts About...

Tyson Chicken, Inc.
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 68.22-acre Tyson Chicken, Inc. property is located at 9943 Old Ocean City Boulevard in a residential, agricultural and commercial area of Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland. The property is bordered to the north by the Route 50 and Route 113 interchange, to the south by residential and commercial properties, to the east by Route 113 and to the west by a railroad right-of-way and agricultural and woodland properties.

Site History

The southwestern portion of the property has been in use as a live poultry processing facility since the mid-1940s. Prior to the construction of the facility lagoons in the 1970s, the remainder of the property was utilized for agricultural purposes. The facilities consist of approximately thirteen buildings and a series of wastewater treatment lagoons that cover approximately 28 acres in the northern portion of the property. The wastewater treatment system formerly received process waste and continues to process storm water run off. The plant ceased operation in November 2003.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

Between 1992 and 2004, five underground storage tanks (two diesel, two heating oil and one gasoline) were taken out of service by abandonment in place or removal. In September 2004, twenty monitoring wells were installed at the property as part of an investigation conducted by the Oil Control Program of the Maryland Department of the Environment. Groundwater sampling indicated the presence of petroleum related compounds (benzene, isopropylbenzene and tert-butyl-alcohol) in several monitoring wells. In September 2005, supplemental groundwater and soil sampling was conducted at the request of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).

Current Status

On March 15, 2005, Tyson Foods, Inc. submitted a VCP application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as a responsible person. On November 3, 2005, the VCP issued a NFRD for commercial or industrial use of the property.

Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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