



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: FORMER JIM'S CAR CARE PROPERTY

Site Location

This 0.24-acre property is located at 119 Railroad Avenue in downtown Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland. A vacant commercial building is located on the property and other commercial businesses surround the property. The nearest surface water body is Big Elk Creek located about one-quarter mile to the southeast. Public water and sewer services the property and vicinity.

Site History

The property was formerly utilized as a car repair business and is now vacant. The current owner of the property is Dr. Eddie Saw who in 1990 purchased the property from David Moxey. Mr. Moxey purchased the property in 1968 from J & B Oil, the company that had developed the property between 1931 and 1962 (based on Sanborn map information).

Environmental Investigations

In March 2004, a Phase II environmental site assessment was completed and revealed ground water contamination and low-level soil contamination at the property. The primary contaminants are petroleum based and attributed to previous site activities, although tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and their associated breakdown products have also been identified in the ground water. The PCE and TCE in ground water have been attributed to an off-site source (former Blue Chip Product site).

In October 2004, a Phase II environmental site assessment was completed under the direction of the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Oil Control Program in an attempt to determine the source of the ground water contamination. Additionally, a soil and ground water sample were collected from beneath the existing building.

On March 7 and 9, 2005, the applicant performed an Interim Removal Measure to investigate and remove a suspected underground storage tank and address potential petroleum contaminated soils. Excavations at the property revealed extensive soil contamination and a 1000-gallon underground storage tank, approximately half full of water with an odor of weathered gasoline. Based on the results of the Interim Removal Measure confirmatory sampling, a Response Action Plan (RAP) needed to be developed due to the remaining soil contamination.



Current Status

On January 3, 2005, Union Hospital of Cecil County, Health Services, Inc. submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as an inculpable person. On April 7, 2005, the MDE accepted the property into the program, determining the property was not eligible for a No Further Requirements Determination and requested the applicant develop a RAP and submit it to the MDE for review and approval. On May 10, 2005, a RAP was submitted for the property. The MDE held a public meeting for the property in Elkton on May 26, 2005. On July 14, 2006, the Voluntary Cleanup Program issued a certificate of completion (COC) for the property, and on July 31, 2006, the applicant recorded the COC in the land records of Cecil County.

A 2013 Land use Control inspection documented that the site remains a municipal parking lot and that the paved surface of the lot remains in good condition.

