



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: COUNTESS SERVICE CENTER (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

This 0.33-acre property is located at 1302 Key Highway in a mixed residential/commercial area of south Baltimore City, Maryland. A single story commercial building improves the property. The front of the property is partially paved and used for parking and the back of the property is comprised of a fenced lawn. Storm water run-off from the property discharges to storm water sewers or directly to adjacent parcels, ultimately discharging to the Northwest Branch of the Patapsco River, located approximately 100 yards northeast of the property. The property and vicinity are served by municipal water supply and sewer systems.

Site History

The property was used as a gasoline station from the 1930s until 1993. The building on the property was built in 1930. The property was also used as a motor repair facility from the 1970s until the present. The building presently consists of two bays used for repairing automobiles, an office area, and a tool storage area. In July 1998, six gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the north corner of the property. One waste fuel oil UST located in the bay area of the garage and one fuel oil UST located behind the building were removed in 2005.

Environmental Investigations And Actions

In December 2007, Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments were completed for the property. Metals and petroleum compounds were detected above the Department's cleanup standards in soil and groundwater at the property.

Current Status

On December 13, 2007, Key Highway Investment, LLC submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) application for the property as an inculpable person. The Countess Service Center property was accepted into the VCP on January 24, 2008, with the requirement that a response action plan (RAP) be developed. The VCP application was withdrawn and all prior VCP correspondence was voided on July 20, 2012.



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