

TLC Laundrette Site

What You Need to Know

Site Description

The former TLC Laundrette is located at 616 Lincoln Street in Denton, Caroline County. The properties surrounding the site are mostly residential with some adjacent commercial properties. The commercial properties are primarily located to the west, while a few industrial properties are located to the east of the site. The site is located in a relatively flat area at approximately 42 feet above mean sea level. Overland flow is directed to the City sewer system and Saulsbury Creek that discharges into the Choptank River approximately 1/4-mile to the northwest. The geographic coordinates are latitude 38.886227° north and longitude -75.825213° west. The Maryland grid coordinates are approximately north 385,650 feet and east 1,134,400 feet.

Site History

The 1923 to 1943 Sanborn Map for Denton shows the site as an empty lot. The Department's Air and Radiation Management Administration stopped monitoring the site in 2003 and sent the files to Jessup for storage in 2008. In 2015 the files were destroyed. According to the Department's Hazardous Waste Program files, the site applied for and received an EPA ID number in 1996. According to the report, the site closed in April 2009. The site is listed in the EPA Envirofacts site with ID MDR000009548 as a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator. Waste codes for the site list corrosive waste, chromium and spent halogenated solvents: tetrachloroethylene, methylene chloride, trichloroethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, chlorobenzene, 1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane, ortho-dichlorobenzene, trichloroethane and 1,1,2-trichloroethane.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In February 2017 MDE conducted a Pre-CERCLIS Screening of the site which concluded: "The TLC facility used chlorinated solvents and other hazardous waste materials 115 feet from a Head Start facility and adjacent residential properties. The site is also a quarter mile away from a public school and a daycare facility." In March 2017 MDE conducted a Preliminary Assessment of the site which concluded: "Since there is no known data to confirm that there were no releases of hazardous wastes from 13 years of operations as a dry cleaner and due to the potential exposures of sensitive populations on and near the site, MDE is recommending soil, groundwater, and indoor air investigation of the former TLC Cleaners site."

Current Status

MDE completed a Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report and Preliminary Assessment of the site in March 2017 which will be submitted to EPA for review, comment and approval