



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: KROH'S CLEANERS

Site Description

Kroh's Cleaners is an active dry cleaner located at 15 East Pennsylvania Avenue in central downtown Bel Air, Harford County. The site is located within Bel Air town limits in a predominantly commercial section of central Bel Air. The site is bounded by Burns Alley and the Odd Fellows lodge to the northeast, Pennsylvania Avenue and professional buildings and associated parking lots bound the site to the northwest, Frederick Ward & Associates and Buontempo Brothers Pizza bounds the site to the southwest, and the rear of vacant office space at 15 S Main Street bounds the site to the southeast. Residential areas are located over 650 feet to the east. The geographic coordinates are latitude 39.536883° north and longitude -76.348853° west. The Maryland grid coordinates are approximately north 621,100 feet and east 983,400 feet.

Site History

Kroh's Cleaners was listed in the Dry Cleaner Initiative as a Level 2 Operation which is defined as a dry cleaner or dry cleaning supply company that has been in operation at a location for more than 50 years. According to that criterion the site was used as a dry cleaning operation at least as far back as 1948.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

The site was subject to a Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report in 2011. The Pre-CERCLIS Report stated, "Although the site is currently regulated by MDE's ARMA for air emissions, former dry cleaning operations prior to recent regulations may have resulted in the release(s) of dry cleaning solvents onto the ground in the immediate vicinity of the site. Due to the age of the facility, leaks in sewer lines are likely. MDE ARMA files reveal annual perchloroethylene usage up to 1,000 gallons per year. Due to the age of the facility and the large amount of perchloroethylene used at this facility over time MDE is recommending soil sampling and groundwater sampling to determine if there has been a release of dry cleaning solvents from the site that may impact the adjacent and/or nearby properties."



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Current Status

A Preliminary Assessment has just been completed by the MDE and submitted to EPA for approval.



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