



Facts About...

Modern Ideal Cleaners
State Master List Site (MD-577)

Site Location

The approximate 0.45-acre site is at 223 East Green Street in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland. The site is found on the Carroll County tax map 107 as parcel 700 and is zoned for commercial use. One 6,235 square foot building exists on the center of the parcel and the remaining areas are paved parking areas. The site is situated in a predominantly residential area.

Site History

The site was used as a laundry from sometime prior to 1953 (1953 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Westminster, sheet 21). The site was first identified by MDE as a dry cleaning operation in a 1956 phonebook during research conducted for the June 2008 *Maryland Dry Cleaners Initiative Report*. Dry cleaning and laundry services continued until sometime in 1997 when operations ceased. The former Modern Ideal Cleaner facility is currently operating as International Foreign Car Sales and Service.

Environmental Investigations

There have been no known environmental investigations at the former Modern Ideal Cleaners site. The site operated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) identification number MDD022388246 as a handler. The site operated under MDE's Air and Radiation Management Administration's Air Quality Compliance Program under permit #013-0076. That file is archived at MDE's file storage facility in Jessup and was not retrieved for review.

On January 26, 1994, MDE's Oil Control Program closed case No. 94-1706-CL for the abandonment of an 8,000 gallon heating oil tank and the removal of a 500 gallon tank that once held an unknown product, potentially dry cleaning solvent.

In January 2011, MDE completed a Site Inspection (SI). Analytical results of the soil and groundwater samples identified elevated levels of chlorinated solvents and the gasoline additive MTBE (methyl tert butyl ether). Although the Toxicological Evaluation conducted as part of the SI identified elevated cancer risks and hazard indices associated with the elevated levels of tetrachloroethene identified in the soil and groundwater on site, the exposure pathways are effectively eliminated due to the site being covered by asphalt and the water table occurring at approximately 22 feet below ground. The SI did recommend additional investigation of the adjacent residence located at 227 East Green Street to determine if the chlorinated solvents identified at the former dry cleaning site are impacting the indoor air.

Current Status

The draft report is currently under review.

Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at 410 537-3440.

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