Facts About…

Nelsons Body Shop
State Master List Site (MD-420)

Site Location

The 5.0-acre industrial site is located at 837 Chesapeake Drive in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The site is identified on the Dorchester County tax map 308 as parcel 5702, lot 7. The surrounding land use is primarily commercial and light industrial.

Site History

The site was used as farmland prior to 1965 and was incorporated into the Chesapeake Industrial Park sometime prior to 1980 when the then, open grassy lot, was obtained by the County Commissioners of Dorchester County. In September 1985, the site was purchased by Nelson Mills and in January 1986, the Nelsons Body Shop facility began operations as a tractor trailer body repair and repainting facility until its bankruptcy in August 1990. The property was acquired by the National Bank of Cambridge via public auction in October 1990 and was then sold to WEN-LER Realty Company on August 6, 1997. WEN-LER Cambridge, LLC purchased the property on January 7, 2004. The site is now occupied by Weinstein Supply-Cambridge, a nationwide distributor of plumbing, heating, industrial pipe, valve and fitting supplies.

Environmental Investigations

On January 8, 1991, Maryland Department of the Environment, Hazardous and Solid Waste Division (MDE/HSWD) personnel visited the property in response to abandonment of the site after the August 1990 bankruptcy. Personnel identified improperly stored and labeled waste materials outside of secondary containment, and spilled onto the open ground and in response, issued Site Complaint SC-0-91-111 to the current owners, the National Bank of Cambridge. Approximately 2,450 pounds of hazardous waste and 16 tons of contaminated soil were removed from the site by March 1991.

On April 8, 1992, MDE/HSWD personnel visited the site and concluded that there did not appear to be any hazardous waste remaining on site.

On January 23, 1996, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency archived the site from its inventory of active Superfund hazardous waste sites.

Current Status

MDE’s Land Restoration Program has no further requirements for this site at this time.

Contact

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

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