Site Location

The flat 0.25-acre site is located at 24 Buckley Avenue in Rising Sun, Cecil County, Maryland. The site is found on the Cecil County tax map 0600 as parcel 0134 and is zoned for commercial use. The two buildings on site are an approximate 3,300 square foot vacant former dry cleaning operation and an approximate 1,200 square foot two story occupied apartment building. The site is situated in a mixed-use area of northwest Rising Sun.

Site History

The site was used as a dry cleaner from sometime prior to 1956 until sometime after 1970. 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. The front portion of the former Sun Cleaners facility is currently occupied by North Bay Flooring and the rear portion is utilized as a multi-unit apartment building.

Environmental Investigations

Sun Cleaners was placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) as a result of MDE’s August 20, 2010 pre-CERCLIS screening letter report. EPA approved MDE’s Preliminary Assessment/Sampling and Analysis Plan to determine if potential releases of dry cleaning solvents from past dry cleaning operations have created indoor air threats to existing and future tenants. The property owner did not grant MDE access to the site. There have been no known environmental investigations at the Sun Cleaners site.

Current Status

The site remains on CERCLIS as a potentially contaminated property.