



Facts About...

Lion Ribbon Company
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 22.19-acre Lion Ribbon Company Inc. property is located at 857 and 858 Willow Circle in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The property consists of two parcels. The first parcel (857) on the south side of Willow Circle is improved with a main manufacturing/warehouse/office building, two interconnected warehouses, one engineering building and a small storage shed. A parking lot is also on the property and is abutted to the west by a depressed vegetated storm water collection basin and a fenced portion with wetland-like vegetation. The second parcel (858) on the north side of Willow Circle is improved with one building and a small storage shed. The western portion is used as a paved parking lot and the eastern portion is a recessed grassy area. The property is zoned for industrial use and is primarily used for the manufacturing, packaging, storage, and distribution of narrow fabric products. The property is bounded to the north by commercial properties and a day care facility, to the south by the Hagerstown Fire Department Training Academy and the City of Hagerstown Water Pollution Control Center, to the east by commercial properties and woodlands, to the west by woodlands and residential properties and to the southwest by a large parcel under development.

Site History

Prior to 1959, the site was cultivated farmland. The property at 858 Willow Circle was constructed between 1962 and 1966 by Hagerstown Leather Goods Company, a manufacturer of leather products. From 1985 to the present, the site has been owned by CM Offray. The property at 857 Willow Circle was owned by MD Ribbon from 1966-2000. From 2000 to the present, CM Offray owned the property. Since 1966, the properties have been used for the manufacturing, packaging, storage, and distribution of narrow fabric products.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In 2001, a Phase I environmental site assessment identified previous reports for the property. These reports were summarized in this Phase I and noted the presence of naphthalene and xylenes in soil and groundwater. One 15,000-gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) was observed at 857 Willow Circle. An 8,000-gallon UST was formerly located at 858 Willow Circle. Staining in the area of the transformers and in the maintenance area of the shop was observed. In 1995, 2,000 gallons of heating oil were spilled at 858 Willow Circle. Approximately 83 tons of petroleum impacted soils were excavated and disposed of off site during the removal of a UST in 1997.

In 2002, the Phase II Subsurface Soil and Groundwater Investigation Report included the collection of surface soil, subsurface soil and groundwater samples at the property for analysis of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and inorganics (arsenic, lead and chromium). Results of the analysis identified naphthalene in the groundwater and arsenic, lead, and chromium in the soils. This report also notes that four USTs were removed from the property in 1994.



In 2006, an additional round of sampling included the collection of surface soil samples analyzed for arsenic which exceeded the MDE cleanup standards in five out of six samples.

In 2007, a Phase I environmental site assessment confirmed the presence of the 15,000-gallon, #2 fuel oil UST and the potential presence of an abandoned UST.

Current Status

On November 20, 2007, Lion Ribbon Company, Inc., the property owner, submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) as a responsible person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination for future commercial and industrial use for the property. The VCP is currently awaiting a response to the comments issued on January 22, 2008 and submittal of additional samples to delineate the area of concern at the property.

Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at 410-537-3493.

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