Site Description:

This 3.96-acre property, located at 8401 Ocean Gateway, is in a zoned commercial section of Easton, Talbot County, Maryland. The property is bordered to the north by an auto parts store; to the east by Montgomery Street, beyond which is a truck salvage yard; and to the south by a gas station. Bordering the property to the west is Maryland Route 50, beyond which is a vacant lot.

Currently, the property is improved with seven buildings, exterior storage areas, paved parking areas, and landscaping. There are no surface water bodies located on the property. Groundwater beneath the property flows southwest towards the Tred Avon River. The property is situated in a groundwater use area of Talbot County, and several residences have private wells.

Site History:

Moore’s Lumber & Building Supplies, Inc. acquired the property in 1977 and began operating a retail supply store. Prior to 1977, the property was utilized as an automobile salvage yard. The current owner, Contractor Yard, Inc., purchased the property in 2003 for a lumberyard and supply operation.

Environmental Investigations and Actions:

In 1998, two 1,000-gallon steel underground storage tanks used for the storage of diesel fuel were removed from the northeast corner of the property. At the time of removal, no holes were observed in the underside of the tanks and there was no evidence of leakage in the tank pit area. The Oil Control Program closed the case on June 18, 1998.

Current Status:

The Contractor Yard, Inc. submitted an application package to the Voluntary Cleanup Program on August 29, 2005, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as a responsible person. The Department issued a No Further Requirements Determination for the property on February 15, 2006, conditioned on use of the property for restricted commercial or restricted industrial purposes and a prohibition on the use of groundwater beneath the property for any purpose.

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