

Montgomery County

1932	Property owned by First National Bank of Gaithersburg.
1933	Privately owned.
1980s	FGP Gaithersburg assumed ownership.
10/16/98	FGP Gaithersburg submitted a VCP application.
11/4/98	Maryland Department of the Environment requested additional information to complete the application.
2/4/00	Property withdrawn from VCP by applicant.

SEARS & ROEBUCK PROPERTY 16401 Shady Grove Road Gaithersburg, Maryland (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Description

This 13.64-acre commercial property, owned by FGP Gaithersburg, Inc., is located in southeastern Gaithersburg. The property is bounded to the south by farmland, to the west by metro lines, and to the north by a post office and fueling facility. Land use east of the site includes a solid waste transfer facility, a metro station and a fueling facility. Groundwater flow is inferred to be northeasterly in the unconfined aquifer. Overland flow is to the southeast. Drinking water and sewer services are supplied to the property and vicinity by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Site History

The entire property is asphalt paved with the exception of a two-story warehouse building. Prior to the construction of the warehouse building in 1965, the property was part of a privately owned farm. Subsequent site improvements include loading docks, parking lots, canopies and sheds.

For over 33 years, operations at the site have involved the warehousing of merchandise, vehicle and small appliance maintenance, fuel service, battery recharging and equipment retail. In 1986, fuel service ceased with the removal of four underground gasoline/diesel storage tanks. Small quantities of waste oil, battery electrolyte fluid, and waste solvents (e.g. antifreeze) are generated by site operations. Operations at the site are not expected to change in the future.

Environmental Concerns

Environmental investigations revealed elevated levels of petroleum hydrocarbons and diesel range organics in soils located in the southwestern portion of the property. Additionally, bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate was detected in the groundwater.

Voluntary Cleanup (VCP) Program Status

On September 16, 1998, the property owner, FGP Gaithersburg, Inc., submitted an application as a responsible person to Maryland's VCP seeking a No Further Requirements Determination. The Department reviewed the application and requested additional information from the applicant on November 4, 1998. Following several attempts to verify the applicant's continued interest in the VCP, the Department received verbal confirmations on November 18, 1999, and again on December 27, 1999, that the application would be withdrawn from the Program. On February 4, 2000, the Department officially withdrew the VCP application for the Sears and Roebuck property after receiving written confirmation from the applicant.

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