

Montgomery County

1938	The existing two-story building is constructed on the site.
7/15/99	AVCP application is received for the property.
9/8/99	The Department requests additional information to complete the application.

ROCKVILLE POST OFFICE 2 West Montgomery Avenue Rockville, Maryland

(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Description

This 0.62-acre property is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of West Montgomery Avenue and Washington Street, in the municipal district of Rockville, Maryland. The property is improved with a two-story building (constructed circa 1938), landscaped areas, and paved driveways and parking area. The property is listed as a historic property with the Maryland Historical Trust.

The basement of the building houses a government-building management company. The ground floor of the building houses a U.S. post office and an armed services recruiting office. The U.S. General Services Administration and U.S. Navy maintain offices on the building's mezzanine level and second floor, respectively.

The site is fully served by public utilities. The nearest surface water body is Cabin John Creek, located approximately 0.5 mile to the south. The nearest private well is located on Highwood Drive, approximately 1.5 miles to the southeast.

The current owner of the property is the U.S. General Services Administration.

Environmental Concerns

Previous environmental investigations of the property have identified the presence of tetrachloroethene (a common dry cleaning solvent), and some of its daughter products, in the groundwater located approximately 28 to 35 feet beneath the property. To date, the highest tetrachloroethene level (740 parts per billion) was detected in the northwestern corner of the property, near a 20 to 30-year-old dry cleaning business that adjoins the site's western boundary. The contaminated groundwater is flowing across the site in a southeasterly direction.

Previous environmental investigations also indicate that the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) owned the site prior to its purchase by the U.S. General Services Administration on December 20, 1938. Additional information is required to assess the effects of PEPCO's past operations, if any, at the site.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

On July 15, 1999, the Department received a VCP application for the property from the U.S. General Services Administration. The Department reviewed the application and, on September 8, 1999, notified the applicant that additional information would be required to complete the application. The Department is currently awaiting the submission of this additional information.

The applicant plans to sell the property to a private entity or another government agency; therefore, the future use of the site is unknown.

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