

Wicomico County

1940s	Property privately owned; restaurant operations.
1953	Johnny & Sammy's Inc. purchased property.
1989	Shore Pride Inc. assumed ownership.
mid-1998	Restaurant razed; convenience store and gas station erected by Wawa Food Market.
3/24/99	VCP application submitted by Wawa, Inc.
7/29/99	MDE designated Wawa a responsible person and issued a NFRD for the property.
8/12/99	NFRD recorded in the land records.

WAWA FOOD MARKET PROPERTY 668-682 South Salisbury Boulevard Salisbury, Maryland

Site Description

This 1.9-acre Wawa Food Market property is located south of the City of Salisbury on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore. The property is improved with a single story building, six canopied gasoline dispenser islands and asphalt parking lots. Access to the property is unrestricted. The property is bordered on all four sides by public thoroughfares; South Salisbury Boulevard to the east, Waverly Street to the west, Maryland Avenue to the north, and Ohio Avenue to the south. Land use within the immediate vicinity of the site is primarily commercial, although a number of private residences are situated to the west. Adjacent commercial entities include a car wash and automotive service shop to the east; a shopping center to the west; a retail store and offices to the north; and a thrift store to the south.

Potable water to the site and vicinity is provided by the City of Salisbury, which obtains its water supply from two well fields within the city limits. The closest municipal well field (Park well field) is located 1.8 miles northeast and upgradient of the site. Eleven private wells identified within 0.5 miles of the site are used for irrigation purposes. The site is underlain by the shallow, unconfined Salisbury Aquifer. Groundwater beneath the property flows north-northwesterly and overland flow is westerly. The nearest surface water body is the Wicomico River located 1500' (0.28 miles) north of the site.

Site History

Prior to development by private owners in the 1940s, the property was grassland. In July 1953, the property was sold to Johnny & Sammy's Inc., and on May 26, 1989, the property was conveyed to Shore's Pride Inc. Between the 1940s and mid-1998 a restaurant operated at the site. The restaurant was razed in mid-1998 and a retail convenience store and a fueling station (i.e. Wawa Food Market) was erected.

Environmental Concerns

Environmental investigations conducted in 1998 and 1999 identified groundwater contamination. The principal contaminant was tetrachloroethene (PCE), a chlorinated solvent commonly utilized in dry-cleaning processes. Other compounds detected included petroleum fuel residuals (e.g. naphthalene, isopropylbenzene) and traces of trichloroethene (TCE), dichlorodifluoromethane, chloroform and methylene chloride.

The source of groundwater contamination beneath the property is currently unknown. The site history and use of the property does not indicate past usage or need for chlorinated solvents and petroleum hydrocarbons. Based on all available information, the contaminants appear to have originated from off-site sources affiliated with commercial activities.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

The property owner, Wawa Inc., applied to the VCP on March 24, 1999, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as a responsible person. After reviewing the completed application, the Department issued a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) confirming Wawa's status as a responsible person on July 29, 1999. The NFRD is contingent upon continued use of the property for only commercial or industrial purposes and a prohibition on use of groundwater beneath the property. On August 12, 1999, the NFRD was recorded on the property deed in Wicomico County's land records.

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