



Facts About...

General Mills Operations, Inc. Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The General Mills Operations, Inc. property, also known as the Former Pillsbury Company facility, totals 21.31-acres and is located at 300 Reliance Avenue, Federalsburg, Caroline County, Maryland. The property is zoned industrial and is located in a mixed commercial/residential area and is bounded to the north and west by residences, to the east by a commercial business park, and to the south by a wastewater treatment plant. A railroad borders the property to the north.

The topography at the property gently slopes to the southwest and southeast, discharging storm water to the Marshyhope Creek, the nearest surface water body. Depth to ground water is approximately 15-20 feet below the ground surface and the flow direction is assumed to follow topography toward the west. The property is supplied by two on-site wells. The town of Federalsburg supplies water and sewer services for portions of the vicinity. The property is located in a ground water use area.

Site History

In 1959, the property was improved with the construction of a 61,000 square foot building, which houses the bakery and associated operational offices. The two maintenance garages were built in the 1960s (western garage) and 1976 (eastern garage, former maintenance shop). In 1976, the crumb plant (21,000 square feet) was built with a finishing warehouse addition added in 1981. The staling building (21,000 square feet) was built in 1993.

The current owner, General Mills Operations, Inc., purchased the property from Pillsbury in 2001. In 1995, Pillsbury purchased the property from Pet Incorporated. Pet Incorporated purchased the property in 1988 from Shoreman Food Technology (formerly known as Zaffere's Bakery, the original property owner).

Environmental Investigations

In April 1995, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was conducted at the property. This investigation noted that the recognized environmental conditions at the property are numerous underground storage tanks (USTs) and a possible polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) transformer. The Phase II investigation conducted in 1996 identified petroleum contamination in the soil and ground water.

After application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program in 2008, additional sampling was conducted at the property to determine the extent and nature of risks associated with potential vapor intrusion.

Current Status

On July 8, 2008, General Mills, Inc. submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program as a responsible person, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD). The proposed



future land use will continue as commercial or industrial. A restricted NFRD was issued for the property on February 13, 2009 and was recorded in the Caroline County land record on March 11, 2009.

Contact:

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

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