



Facts About...

Roberts Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 4.6262-acre Roberts Property is located at 3617 East Joppa Road in Parkville in Baltimore County, Maryland. The property currently includes three garage buildings and wooded land. The property is zoned for industrial use and is primarily used as commercial warehouse space. The property is bounded to the north by an abandoned nursery and greenhouse facility, to the south by Belmont Park, to the east by a BG&E high voltage power line corridor that includes a gas transmission line and to the west by a former sand and gravel mining area.

Site History

Prior to 1971, the property was owned by Ark Redi-Mix Concrete Corporation. The operations conducted by Ark Redi-Mix Concrete on the property are unknown. In 1971, the property was sold to Vernon S. Roberts and was utilized by Roberts Trash Removal Service and then Hartley Trash Removal. In 2003, Ellen B. Roberts Trust purchased the property. Hartley Trash Removal continues to operate in one garage building at the property. The other two buildings are currently unused.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In 2006, a Phase I environmental site assessment identified minor staining in the newer garage building and heavy staining in the older garage building. Large quantities of engine and lube oil were stored in the older garage along with a 175-gallon fuel oil above ground storage tank (AST). Miscellaneous 55-gallon drums and 5-gallon pails containing unknown liquids were stored outside the older garage. Hazardous materials including petroleum lubricants, paints and party cleaners and special wastes including rags and waste oil were present in the two buildings used as shops and maintenance garages. The building used by Harley Waste Removal includes waste receptacles for the disposal of solid waste.

In 2006, a Phase II environmental site assessment included the collection of surface soil, subsurface soil and groundwater samples at the property for analysis of priority pollutant metals, volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds and pesticides. Results of the analyses identified potential risks from ingestion of, and dermal contact with, surface and subsurface soils and ingestion of groundwater beneath the property.

Current Status

On February 4, 2006, Ellen B. Roberts Trust, the property owner, submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) as a responsible person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination for future residential use for the property. On March 1, 2006, Moran Properties II, LLC, the prospective purchaser, submitted an application to the VCP as an inculpable person.



On September 20, 2007, the VCP accepted the property for participation in the VCP and notified the applicants that a Response Action Plan (RAP) must be developed to address potential risks from ingestion of surface and subsurface soil for child, youth and adult resident populations. On March 17, 2008, the VCP received a proposed RAP for the property and a public informational meeting to discuss the proposed RAP is scheduled for June 17, 2008 at the White Oak Elementary School in Parkville, Maryland.

Contact

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

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