

Baltimore County

1959-1998	A bowling alley operated on the property along with a gasoline service station, which ceased operation in 1987.
1967-Present	Dry cleaner operated on the property at the site of the former gasoline service station.
8/1999	VCP application submitted for the property.
9/1999	The Department requested additional information and sampling data to complete the application.
12/1999	The Department met with the applicant to discuss the need for off-site monitoring wells.

AMF JOPPA LANES 1616 & 1626 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Description

This 3-acre property on East Joppa Road is located in a commercial-residential section of Towson, Maryland. The property is comprised of a small dry cleaning operation and a vacant, 28,000 square foot bowling alley building surrounded by paved parking areas and access roads. The bowling alley was constructed in 1959 and operated until 1998. The dry cleaners has operated at its present location since approximately 1967. The building it occupies was constructed in 1959 as part of a gasoline service station that operated on the property from 1959 to 1967. The property was undeveloped prior to 1953.

The site and vicinity are served by municipal water and sewer systems. The nearest surface water body is Mine Bank Run, a tributary to Gunpowder Falls, located approximately 0.5 mile to the

north. Several domestic wells are located in the 1700 block of Dunwoody Road, approximately 0.3 mile to the northwest.

Environmental Concerns

The property housed a gasoline station from 1959 to 1967 and currently houses a dry cleaning business that has operated on the site since approximately 1967. Underground petroleum storage tanks associated with the former gasoline station may still remain on the property. In addition, there is also a potential for off-site contamination from a former auto repair facility and an existing gasoline service station located southwest of the site.

Previous environmental investigations of the property have identified the presence of tetrachloroethene (a common dry cleaning solvent) and trace levels of daughter products in the groundwater located approximately 12 to 20 feet beneath the property. To date, the highest groundwater contamination level (18,000 parts per billion of tetrachloroethene) has been identified in a monitoring well located at the rear of the dry cleaning store. The contaminated groundwater is flowing off site in a northeasterly direction.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

On August 2, 1999, the Department received a VCP application for the property from Joppa Loch Associates, LLC. The Department reviewed the application and determined that additional information was required before it could be approved for participation in the program. On October 6, 1999, the applicant submitted some of the additional information and requested a meeting with the Department to discuss whether groundwater remediation and/or off-site investigation would be necessary. The Department met with representatives of Joppa Loch Associates, LLC and informed them that, at a minimum, off-site investigation would be required for this site. The applicant subsequently requested withdrawal of the VCP application and, on June 1, 2000, the Department formally notified the applicant that the VCP application had been withdrawn.

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