5401 Marlboro Pike Property District Heights, Prince Georges County, Maryland (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

This 2-acre property is located at the intersection of Marlboro Pike and Brooks Drive in a mixed commercial-residential area, located approximately 800 feet northeast of Oxon Run (the nearest surface water body and a tributary of Oxon Creek, which discharges into the Potomac River). The site is nearly level with a general topographic gradient to the southwest.

Site History

The property is currently a vacant lot with remnants of concrete foundations. It was developed in the 1930s with the construction of two buildings, one of which housed a gas station, an automobile dealership, and an automobile body shop. The other building housed a bar initially, followed by a bicycle shop and a furniture store. In December 1986, Bryan Station Joint Venture acquired the property and, in 1988, the buildings were demolished.

Environmental Investigations

Several investigations have been conducted at the subject property. In 1990, a soil gas survey identified petroleum hydrocarbons in the northwestern portion of the property. In 1991, an environmental investigation, including a magnetometer survey, soil sampling, and a soil vapor survey, was conducted at the property. One 550-gallon waste oil underground storage tank and a hydraulic lift were identified.

Subsurface investigations in 1994 and 1997-1998 detected petroleum hydrocarbons and solvents (tetrachloroethene and trichloroethene) in the groundwater. Between 1991 and 1998, the Maryland Department of the Environment – Oil Control Program was involved with this site. Subsurface investigations indicated the presence of tetrachloroethene and trichloroethene in groundwater, four debris piles, and possibly propane tanks.

Current Status

On April 18, 2003, 5401 Marlboro Pike Venture, L.L.C., a potential purchaser of the property, submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as an inculpable person for this property. The application package is currently under review.

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