Watkins Johnson Company Site Montgomery County, Maryland (MD-401)

Site Location

The Watkins Johnson Company site is located at 700 Quince Orchard Road in Gaithersburg, Maryland. This 13-acre site consists of a three-story brick building in a mixed manufacturing-commercial area of Montgomery County.

Site History

The Watkins Johnson Company is an active manufacturing facility that produces electronic transmitters and receivers used in frequency scanning for military and commercial use. This facility has been in operation at this location since 1972.

In 1990, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) targeted a number of large quantity generators for Preliminary Assessments (PA) to determine if past waste handling practices had resulted in releases of hazardous waste from those facilities. The Watkins Johnson Company was inspected under this environmental priorities initiative because it uses a variety of chemicals and generates hazardous wastes that are either treated on-site or shipped off-site to a permitted facility.

The Maryland Department of the Environment/Waste Management Administration (MDE/WAS) completed a PA of the site in September 1992. The PA indicated that there were no spills or violations of hazardous waste management practices reported at the facility. With no evidence of an existing or potential environmental hazard at the facility, the MDE/WAS recommended the site for "No Further Remedial Action Planned" (NFRAP) status.

In December 1992, the EPA assigned a NFRAP status to the site.

Current Status

Based on the NFRAP status, no remedial or removal actions have been taken or are planned for the site.

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