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Country Club Mall LaVale, Maryland

Site Location

The 64-acre property, owned by La Vale Associates c/o J.J. Gumberg Company, is located at 1262 Vocke Road in LaVale, Maryland (the intersection of Vocke Road and Winchester Road (Route 53). Numerous shops, restaurants, and professional service facilities are located in the 527,000 square-foot shopping center. Sears Automotive Center and Penske Automotive Center are located on the property, and a third automotive center was formerly located at the JC Penney store. The property is bound to the south and west by restaurants, hotels, and commercial establishments, and undeveloped land to the north and east.

Site History

The 64-acre property is a portion of a larger 192-acre parcel. Before 1979, most of the 192-acre parcel, including portions of the 64-acre subject property, was used for strip mining and a golf course. The strip mine was filled in 1979, and the shopping center was built in 1981. The Sears Department store was built approximately one year after the rest of the mall was constructed.

Three existing or former automotive centers are located at the shopping center. The JC Penney's automotive center operated for approximately two years after the mall opened, the Penske (Kmart) Service Center has operated since the mall opened in 1981, and the Sears Automotive Center has operated at the mall since 1982. Materials used and generated at these current and former automotive centers are consistent with materials typically used at these types of facilities, including new and used oil, antifreeze, and parts washer fluid. A total of approximately sixteen hydraulic lifts are located at the three current or former automotive centers.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

Between 1991 and 1996, all underground storage tanks at the shopping center were removed from the property. Underground storage tanks formerly located at the property included three waste oil tanks located at the automotive centers, two heating oil tanks, and two gasoline tanks located at the Sears automotive center. Currently, four aboveground storage tanks are located on the property, including one waste oil tank, one motor oil tank, and two diesel tanks.

Current Status

La Vale Associates submitted an application to the VCP on February 16, 1999. The Department requested additional information and subsurface sampling to complete the application package. The additional information and the analytical results from an August 1999 sampling event were submitted to the Department.

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On November 4, 1999, the Department issued a No Further Requirements Determination conditioned on the use of the property for commercial or industrial purposes and no use of groundwater beneath the property for any purpose.

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