



Facts About...

Former Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)
Compro Facility
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

This approximately 115-acre property is located at 2201 Industrial Parkway in a mixed commercial and industrial area of Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland. The area generally slopes to the southwest towards Paint Branch. The property and its vicinity are served by a municipal water supply and sewer system.

Site History

The property was developed in the mid-1950s as a gravel quarry that operated through 1980, when the WSSC acquired the property. WSSC used fill material of unknown source to backfill the former quarry and built a municipal waste composting facility. The property consists of nine main buildings and approximately eleven support buildings, a large storm-water collection system, storage areas, and landscaped and wooded areas. The property has been vacant since WSSC ceased operations in 2001. Eight underground storage tanks (USTs) have been removed from the property.

Environmental Investigations

Several environmental site assessments (ESAs) have been completed for the property. Brook Environmental & Engineering Corporation completed a Phase I ESA in November 2003 for Montgomery County. Engineering Consulting Services, Ltd. completed a Phase II ESA in September 2004 for Republic Properties Corporation. URS Corporation completed a second Phase II ESA in November 2005 for Holland & Knight, LLP. Arc Environmental completed another Phase I ESA in July 2007 in support of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) application.

Results of these investigations indicated petroleum contamination in the soil located in the areas of the former USTs; volatile organic compound (VOC) and petroleum contamination in groundwater beneath two of the four former USTs areas; and VOC contamination in groundwater along the north and northeast property boundaries. The VOC contamination in groundwater along the north and northeast property boundaries is likely caused by migration of upgradient off-site contamination onto the property.

Current Status

Montgomery County submitted a VCP application for the property in August 2007, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as an inculpable person. Comments on the VCP application and the work plan for additional assessment were issued by the VCP in September 2007 and January 2008, respectively. Comments on the additional Phase II ESA, dated September 2008, were issued in November 2008. An additional site assessment is being required by the VCP. Future property use has been designated as residential.



Contact

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