



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: Keefauver Dry Cleaners

Site Location

The Keefauver Dry Cleaners (KDC) site is located at 1096 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The site is listed on the Washington County tax map 0491 parcel 1523 and is situated at 39.620057 degrees north latitude and -77.729223 degrees west longitude at an altitude of approximately 520 feet MSL. The site is situated in the southern section of the city across the street from a school complex.

Site History

According to Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE's) Dry Cleaner Initiative KDC was a Level 2 Operation which means a dry cleaner that has been in business at one location for 50 years or more. It is believed that the original operation under the name of Potdorf (or Pottorf) Dry Cleaners was established at this location in the 1940s. Ownership records for the site have been searched back to 1904 when Benard Byers purchased the property. Roy Keefauver bought the property from Mr. Byers in 1971 and operated the dry cleaning business until he transferred the property to his daughter, Linda Grimm in 1997. Ms. Grimm still owns and operates the site as a dry cleaning business. MDE's Air and Radiation Management Administration files indicate that the business uses petroleum based solvents.

Environmental Investigations

In 1998 MDE's Oil Control Program files indicated that a 550 gallon heating oil tank was removed from the ground. There was no indication that the tank had been leaking. In October 2012 a Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report was conducted by MDE which recommended that the KDC site be placed in CERCLIS based on the potential for indoor vapor intrusion into nearby buildings.

Current Status

The property is currently operating as a dry cleaning service. MDE is currently completing a Preliminary Assessment for EPA.



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