FACTS ABOUT:
RUXTON CLEANERS

Site Description

Ruxton Cleaners is located at 901 York Road, Towson, Baltimore County. Most of the properties to the north, west and south are commercial with the closest residential property located 65 feet to the northeast. Ruxton Cleaners is located in the end unit of a small strip mall. A vape shop is located in the space directly adjacent to the dry cleaner facility, to the north. Directly south and separate from the strip mall is an Exxon Station. North of the vape shop are a nail salon and spa, a sub shop, a bail bondsman, Towson Crossfit and a Goodyear Tire shop. Across the street are a towing company, a used car lot and a church. The site is located approximately 385 feet above mean sea level in Congressional District 2. Overland flow is directed to the local sewer systems which feed into the Gunpowder Falls watershed. The geographic coordinates are latitude 39.407681° north and longitude -76.606851° west. The Maryland grid coordinates are approximately north 573,500 feet and east 911,100 feet.

Site History

Ruxton Cleaners was listed in the Dry Cleaner Initiative as a Level 2 Operation which is defined as a dry cleaner or dry cleaning supply company that has been in operation at a location for more than 50 years. According to that criterion the site was used as a dry cleaning operation at least as far back as 1955.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

The site was the subject of a Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report in November of 2015. The report determined that the site should be listed in CERCLIS because of the long term use of PCE and the potential for vapor intrusion to neighboring businesses and residences as well as potential contamination of groundwater.

Current Status

A Preliminary Assessment has just been completed by the MDE and submitted to EPA for approval.

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