



Facts About...

Air Force Plant #50

Site Location

The former Air Force Plant #50 consisted of approximately 15.82 acres of land and is located on Halethorpe Farms Road in Halethorpe in Baltimore County. The site is identified on Baltimore County tax map 108 as parcel 285.

Site History

In 1944, the Department of Defense (DoD) acquired 32.23 acres to establish PLANCOR 1778. In 1949, the land was conveyed to the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Company. In 1951, in response to the Korean War, the General Services Administration (GSA) reacquired 30.417 acres by lease and in 1952 transferred 14.85 acres to the Air Force. In 1953, an additional 0.97 acres was acquired by the Air Force from Baltimore County to build and operate an aluminum production facility in conjunction with the existing PLANCOR 1778 facility.

During DoD ownership of the property, lease agreements were held by various private companies. In September 1981, GSA conveyed the land to KACC, which, in turn on December 22, 1988, conveyed the land to Halethorpe Extrusion, Inc. Halethorpe Extrusion, Inc. changed its name several times in the 1990s and on December 14, 2001 sold the property to the Halethorpe Business Trust located in New York City, the current property owners. The Halethorpe Business Trust leases the facility to several commercial and retail operations.

Environmental Investigations

According to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Land Restoration Program files, several investigations were conducted from 1988 to 1991 that included the installation of groundwater monitoring wells, soil and sediment sampling and analyses for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). As a result, at least two PCB clean up projects were conducted. Available files suggest the clean ups resulted in satisfying State and Federal requirements, however actual oversight documents were not found at MDE.

In December 1993, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers retained EA Engineering, Science and Technology (EA) to conduct a site inspection. EA reported a number of capacitors and transformers with labels stating they contained PCBs. On March 24, 1994, EA completed a Risk Assessment for Ordnance and Explosives and found no evidence of conventional ordnance and ammunition, pyrotechnics, bulk high explosives, propellants or chemical warfare material on site.

On May 16, 1994, the North Atlantic Division of the Department of the Army granted a No Further Action (NOFA) ruling for the site.

In December 2000, MDE completed a Site Survey to determine if additional assessment by the U.S. Environmental Protection was required. The Site Survey concluded that MDE is in agreement with the 1994 NOFA.

Current Status

MDE has no further requirements for the investigation of hazardous materials at this site at this time.



Contact

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