



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: SPRINGER SEPTIC SERVICES MD-256

Site Location

The Springer Septic Services site is located at the intersection of Hurry Road and MD 238 in Chaptico, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The site is adjacent to tidal wetlands that form the headwaters of Chaptico Bay. Chaptico Bay is a tributary of the Potomac River.

Site History

This 0.66-acre parcel of property was owned by Clark Springer and his wife Katherine and was used as the operating location for the Springer Septic Services Co. (SSS). In 1983, SSS expanded their services to include oil recovery.

In April 1983, MDE performed a TSCA (PCB) inspection on the site. During the site visit, MDE personnel noticed a field behind the site littered with derelict equipment and old storage tanks. Two of the tanks contained a thick semi-solid liquid which was sampled and analyzed for PCBs by the state laboratory. One of the samples was positive for PCB 1242 at 72 mg/kg.

In October 1983, the State contacted EPA for Superfund assistance for immediate removal action of the tanks as the owner failed to remove them himself citing bankruptcy. A hazardous waste contractor, Clean America, was retained by the U.S. Coast Guard to remove the tanks and contents as well as any stained soils in the area. The tanks were removed, cleaned and disposed in an Ohio landfill on January 25, 1984.

Environmental Investigations

On December 30, 1987 MDE performed a Preliminary Assessment of the property. The MDE found the site vacant with the building demolished and the derelict items removed. There was still some debris partially buried in the marshy area behind the site.

On February 24, 2012, MDE inspected the site to determine its status and if there was any evidence of an underground storage tank (UST) on the site due to its suspected use as a gas station. The inspection did not find any evidence of a UST on the site. The site was still vacant with the concrete foundation as the only remaining structure on the site.



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Current Status

There has been no apparent activity at the site since the property was cleaned up in 1983. The site was given No Further Remedial Action Planned status by EPA on January 23, 1989 following MDE's 1988 Preliminary Assessment. The site is currently listed to Eugene and Shelby Guazzo of Chaptico, Maryland.



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