



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: TATE ACCESS FLOORS

Site Location

Tate Access Floors (TAF) is located at 7510 Montevideo Road in Jessup, Howard County, Maryland 21075. The geographic coordinates for the site are longitude - 76°46.283' west and latitude 39° 09.917' north. The 9.803-acre parcel is identified on Howard County Tax Map 43 as Parcel 626. The site is on the west side of Montevideo Road and is bounded by Montevideo Road to the east, a drainage pond to the west, an unnamed tributary to Deep Run to the north, and an upper parking lot to the south.

Site History

In the mid 1960s, Ronald and Donald Tate acquired two parcels of land from Emmanuel Schleuter and Philip Hauswald to form Tate Access Floors. The primary business of the company is the manufacture of architectural floor access panels. TAF has operated on the site since 1966.

Environmental Investigation and Action

TAF is a permitted hazardous waste generator under EPA identification number MDD003084514. Wastes are manifested and transported by licensed hazardous waste transporters and are disposed in licensed facilities.

In 1986 ECM Associates sampled surface water from the unnamed tributary to Deep Run. Two samples showed elevated levels of TCE between 70 and 140 ppb. The source of contamination was traced to the drum storage yard.

In 1989 MDE issued a notice of violation to the company citing improper drum storage and labeling.

In 1990 DMW Environmental Services, Inc. prepared an Environmental Property Profile Phase I and Preliminary Wetland Assessment report for the site. DMW determined that there was a contaminant plume emanating from an area 14 feet south of the “metal bridge.”

In 1991 NUS conducted a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the site.



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A screening site inspection was conducted by NUS and Gannett Fleming in 1994.

Elevated levels of volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds and inorganic compounds were identified in samples collected from site soils, sediments and surface water. A toxicological assessment determined that the levels of contaminants did not pose a significant risk to human health and the environment.

Current Status

TAF continues to operate this facility. In 1999 MDE recommended that the site be designated as a formerly investigated site on Maryland's State Master List and that the site be archived by EPA.



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