



Facts About...

Umbell Property
State Master List Site (MD-441)

Site Location

The 89.50-acre Umbell Property site is located at 14936 Friendsville Road, Friendsville, Garrett County, Maryland. The site identified on the Garrett County tax map 3 as parcel 55 is located in a rural agricultural area near the Pennsylvania border.

Site History

The Umbell family has owned the property since prior to at least 1945. Past operations include row-crop farming that now appears to be limited to approximately [seven](#) acres to the north of the buildings on site and during the years prior to the early 1990s, blending of fertilizers and pesticides that were sold to nearby farms. The area of concern is approximately one acre and consists of a barn used to store farming equipment, pesticide sprayers, a small shack and adjacent areas where waste containers were strewn, and where several larger steel and poly tanks were located.

Environmental Investigations

In the early 1990s, the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration (USDA FHA), planned to foreclose on the property, but were concerned about the potential contamination resulting from the fertilizer and pesticide storage and mixing that took place on site. In addition, a trash dump located on site produced concerns about asbestos contamination.

In response to these concerns, a removal assessment was conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Technical Assistance Team (TAT) on February 29, 1992. The TAT identified the following potential sources of contamination on site: one 5,000 gallon capacity tanker trailer, three steel storage tanks, five poly storage tanks, and several poly and steel drums. No indication of any leaks or spills was observed on site.

The Maryland Department of the Environment's Waste Management Administration (MDE) completed a Preliminary Assessment of the Umbell Property. A site visit was performed on October 27, 1992. No evidence of contamination was observed on site.

On January 23, 1996, the EPA archived the site from its inventory of active Superfund hazardous waste sites.

Current Status

MDE's Land Restoration Program has no further requirements at this time and has placed the site on the "Formerly Investigated Sites" list.

Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at 410 537-3440.

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