



Maryland Department  
of the Environment

## FACTS ABOUT: FORMER WSSC COMPRO FACILITY

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### **Site Location**

This approximately 111-acre property is located at 2201 Industrial Parkway in a mixed commercial and industrial area of Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland. The area generally slopes to the southwest towards Paint Branch. The property and its vicinity are served by a municipal water supply and sewer system.

### **Site History**

The property was developed in mid-1950s as a gravel quarry that operated through 1980, when the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) acquired the property. WSSC used fill material of unknown source to backfill the former quarry and built a municipal waste composting facility. The property consists of nine main buildings and approximately eleven support buildings, a large storm-water collection system, storage areas, and landscaped and wooded areas. The WSSC ceased operations in 2001. Eight underground storage tanks (USTs) containing petroleum products have been removed from the property when the plant ceased operations.

### **Environmental Investigations And Actions**

Several environmental site assessments (ESAs) have been completed for the property: Phase I ESA in November 2003, Phase II ESA in September 2004, and a second Phase II ESA in November 2005. Another Phase I ESA has been completed in July 2007 in support of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) application. Results of these investigations indicated petroleum contamination in the soil located in the areas of the former USTs; volatile organic compound (VOC) and petroleum contamination in groundwater beneath two of the former USTs areas; and VOC contamination in groundwater along the north and northeast property boundaries. The VOC contamination in groundwater along the north and northeast property boundaries is likely caused by migration of upgradient off-site contamination onto the property.

### **Current Status**

Montgomery County submitted a VCP application for the property in August 2007, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as an inculpable person. Comments on the VCP application requesting additional assessment were issued by the VCP in September 2007. The Phase II ESA and Supplemental Phase II ESAs were submitted to the VCP between September 2008 and March 2012. The removal and disposal of soils, contaminated with arsenic or total petroleum hydrocarbons, from the property were completed accordingly to the VCP's Interim



Removal Measures procedure in November 2014. On December 8, 2014, the VCP issued the NFRD for the Former WSSC Compro Facility property conditioned on use of the property for restricted residential purposes with a prohibition on the use of groundwater beneath the property. The planned future property use is residential.

