



Facts About...

Bausum Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 28.1-acre Bausum Property is located at 2654 Riva Road in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The property is currently divided into various contractor yards that are leased primarily to landscaping contractors, waste disposal companies, towing companies, and auto mechanics. The property also includes several residences and a track for off-road vehicles. The grade on the eastern portion of the property has been altered significantly via the import of fill from various sources. There is a groundwater well on the property. The property is bordered to the north and northeast by Broad Creek Park, to the west by Annapolis High School, to the southeast by the Anne Arundel County government complex, to the southeast by the Anne Arundel County Board of Education building and to the east by Pathways Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center.

Site History

From at least 1943 until 1970, the property was farmland. Dumping began on the property some time after 1970 and continues to the present. Debris on the site includes wood, 5-gallon buckets, 55-gallon drums, and storage tanks. Some aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) are in use on the property by the tenants. They are either used for diesel fuel or waste oil and have no secondary containment. One AST, located to the east of the entrance to the site, showed visible spillage on the ground surface.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) conducted by Specialized Engineering noted that releases to soil and groundwater were probable due to the conditions and activities at the property. It identified the presence of the ASTs, hazardous and/or unidentified substances and uncontrolled disposal of construction debris, clearing debris and soil on the property as recognized environmental conditions.

A Phase II ESA was completed by Specialized Engineering that included the collection of soil samples and one groundwater sample from the well on the property. Although twenty-six borings were completed, analyses of the samples was very limited. Arsenic was identified at elevated concentrations in soils on the eastern portion of the property.

Current Status

On February 3, 2010, the VCP issued an expedited inculpable person approval letter to Bausum Riva, Inc. that required a VCP application be submitted within six months. On May 10, 2010, Bausum Riva, Inc. submitted a VCP application as an inculpable person seeking a Certificate of Completion for future commercial use of the property. The VCP approved a work plan for additional investigation on June 3, 2010 and is awaiting implementation of the plan and submittal of the data.



Contact

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