



Facts About...

Belle Grove Road Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The Belle Grove Road property, totaling 12.64 acres, is located at 4800 Belle Grove Road, Brooklyn, Baltimore County, Maryland. The property is located in a mixed industrial, commercial, residential area and is bounded to the north by I-895 and the Patapsco River beyond, to the south by Belle Grove Road and the Randall Motor Truck Yard, to the east by the Belle Grove Industrial Park (auto repair facility and moving company) and to the west by I-895 and wooded land. The property is currently vacant wooded land. The nearest surface water body is the Patapsco River located to the north of the property. The topography gently slopes to the west and ground water is located between two and four feet below ground surface. Groundwater flow direction is assumed west-northwest. The property is located within a groundwater use area; however, the four identified domestic wells are located either upgradient or cross-gradient to the property. Portions of the property are identified as resource conservation areas, including limited wetlands.

Site History

The property has been undeveloped wooded land since at least 1952 and is currently vacant. A fill area exists within the northwest area of the property, which includes gravel, tires, wood, metal and plastic waste.

Environmental Investigations

In May 2000, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted on the property. This investigation noted that the subject property had been used as a fill dumping area and uncontrolled dumping had occurred. In June 2000, a Subsurface Investigation was performed that identified benzene (7 ppb) in the groundwater near Belle Grove Road and low levels of semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) in the soil. In February 2003, a Phase II ESA was conducted that revealed low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), SVOCs and metals in the soil and one slightly elevated level of lead in the groundwater. In May 2004, another Phase I ESA was conducted for the property that reiterated the previous Phase I conclusions. In August 2004, further characterization was conducted that identified elevated levels of metals in the soil and groundwater.

Current Status

On June 23, 2004, Evan Transportation, Inc submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program as an inculpable person, seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) for future commercial land use of the property. On September 30, 2004, the property was accepted into the VCP, however, did not qualify for a NFRD; instead a response action plan was requested to address the identified contamination in the soil and groundwater. On February 10, 2009, the Department approved the proposed response action plan (RAP). On September 10, 2009, the RAP was initiated.

Contact

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