



Facts About...

Clearview Airport
(Voluntary Cleanup Program Site)

Site Location

The 47.01-acre Clearview Airport property, located at 526 Oak Tree Road in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, is approximately five miles south of Westminster in a primarily rural area. The property is bounded to the north and east by residences and to the south and west by undeveloped land. There are four potential landfill areas located on the property.

Site History

The Clearview Airport property was reportedly owned by Martha and Oliver Farinholt prior to development of the airport in the early 1960s. The ownership of the property between the 1960s and 1993 is not known. The airport began operations by 1969 but did not purchase the land until 1993.

Four or five areas of the property were used as a rubble landfill in the 1980s. The only known contributor to the rubble landfill was C.J. Miller, Inc. Carroll County Department of Planning records list the fill areas as the Oak Tree Rubble Landfill and Clearview Airport Stump and Debris Dump. Carroll County permitted excavation, grading and sediment controls at the property, but did not permit the landfill operations and in 1990, a stop work order was issued. All active dumping occurring at the property ceased and selected debris areas were covered with fill dirt.

Prior to and during the use of the property as a rubble landfill, other areas bordering the runway were also used for informal disposal and burial of domestic refuse, tires and waste debris generated by the airport. A truck body was reportedly among the items buried. In 2002, there was a fire on the property when buried waste ignited.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In 2003, a Phase I environmental site assessment was conducted that documented the known facts regarding the rubble landfilling and the presence of an underground storage tank (UST) on the property.

In 2004, a limited Phase II environmental site assessment was conducted that included a geophysical survey of five potential landfill areas to determine the areal extent of the waste, collection of one soil sample from each of the landfill areas and a groundwater sample from the on-site well. The soil samples from three of the areas were analyzed only for TCLP (toxicity characteristic leachate procedure) metals, TCLP volatile organic compounds (VOCs), TCLP semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), TCLP pesticides and TCLP herbicides. The soil samples from the other two landfill areas were analyzed only for VOCs. The groundwater sample from the on-site well was analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The results of the sampling identified only the presence of TCLP lead in one soil sample.



Current Status

Clearview Airport, Inc. submitted an application package and work plan to the Voluntary Cleanup Program on May 30, 2007. The VCP reviewed the application package, including the work plan, and issued comments on June 15, 2007. On July 9, 2007, Clearview Airport, Inc. requested that the VCP application be withdrawn.

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