



Facts About...

Formica Property (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 18.5-acre Formica Property is located at 8305 Telegraph Road in Odenton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The property currently includes one main building with several additions, paved areas and a pond. The property is zoned for commercial use and is a manufacturing facility of solid surface countertop materials. The property is bounded to the north by wooded land followed by commercial buildings, to the south by parking areas and several large buildings associated with IEI and Nevamar, to the east by several large buildings and parking associated with Arundel Crossing East Industrial Park, and to the west Telegraph Road followed by commercial and wooded land.

Site History

Prior to 1951, the property was under private ownership. From 1951-1960s, National Plastics Products Company used the property to manufacture cabinets. From 1962-1977, several building additions were constructed. From 1982-1986, the property was used for computer assembly, carpet backing productions, and book binding. From 1986-present, the property has been used to manufacture solid surfacing countertop material first by Nevamar/International Paper and then by Formica Corporation. The property is currently owned by Wildon Industries.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In 2008, a Phase I environmental site assessment identified two areas of localized solvent dumping and petroleum impact in groundwater, possibly from an off-site source.

In February 2008, sampling began on the Phase II environmental site assessment. The first sampling event included surface soil, subsurface soil, sediment, groundwater, and surface water sampling. Select samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), priority pollutant (PPL) metals, total petroleum hydrocarbon diesel range organics (TPH-DRO), TPH gasoline range organics (GRO) and elemental mercury. The first sampling event also included passive vapor sampling and was conducted to determine potential locations to perform subsurface vapor sampling. The second sampling event occurred in March 2008 and included additional soil samples, groundwater samples and surface water samples. Select samples were analyzed for VOCs, PPL metals, TPH-DRO and TPH-GRO. Subsurface vapor samples were collected and analyzed for VOCs.

Current Status

On January 30, 2008, S/C Odenton III, LLC, the prospective purchaser, submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) as an inculcable person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) for future commercial use for the property. The VCP issued a NFRD for the property on July 18, 2008 with use of the property for restricted commercial or restricted industrial purposes and certain restrictions regarding use of the ground water beneath the property, excavation restrictions, and the use of a vapor barrier under all newly constructed buildings.

Contact

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