



Facts About...

Brock Steel Company Property VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

Site Description:

This 4.3-acre property is located at 220 West King Street in a commercially zoned area of Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland. Bordering the property to the south is Offutt Street, beyond which is an auto impoundment yard; to the north is commercial properties, and to the east is an unnamed alley. The Canal Parkway borders the property to the west.

Topographically, the property is located on a slightly elevated terrace adjacent to the North Branch of the Potomac River. Groundwater occurs in a shallow unconfined aquifer and in a deeper aquifer within the bedrock fractures. The nearest surface water body is the C&O canal, which is located west of the site. West of the canal is the North Branch of the Potomac River. The site and vicinity receive municipal water and sanitary sewer services.

Site History:

Taylor Tin Mill occupied the site from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Mr. Walter Brock purchased the property and began a scrap and salvage company in 1956. Prior to 1956, Owen Hitchins, who received ownership from Republic Steel Company, which was formerly the Taylor Tin Mill, owned the property. Mr. Larry Brock acquired the property in 1975. The site was utilized as a metal recycling operation from 1956 until October 2000. In the late 1990s, a western portion of the property was sold to the State of Maryland for the construction of the Canal Parkway.

The site is now owned by Queen City Metal and Recycling, LLC and is improved with four buildings. Queen City Metal and Recycling, LLC utilizes the property for a metal recycling operation. Several former railroad boxcars are also utilized for storage and an employee break room. A 10,000-gallon oil/water separator receives drainage from 3.5 acres of the site.

Environmental Investigations and Actions:

The property contained three underground storage tanks (USTs). Two 1,000-gallon USTs containing petroleum were removed in 1988, and a 10,000 gallon UST was removed from the property in 1991.

Several environmental investigations were performed at the property between 1993 and 1999 for the Canal Parkway Development. Soil samples collected at the property reported elevated levels of metals in the surface and subsurface soil. Groundwater samples collected at the property also reported levels of metals, petroleum compounds and chlorinated solvents.

In 2004, the Maryland Department of the Environment's Brownfields Site Assessment Division collected groundwater and soil samples at the property as part of a Brownfields Assessment. At that time, soil samples indicated elevated levels of metals, semi-volatile organic compounds, polychlorinated biphenyls, and diesel range organics in the surface and subsurface soil located on site. Groundwater samples collected at the property also reported elevated levels of metals and volatile organic compounds.



Current Status:

Queen City Metal and Recycling, LLC submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) application package for the property on May 16, 2006, seeking a Certificate of Completion. An inculpable person status letter was issued to the applicant on May 16, 2006.

In November 2002, the Brock Steel Company submitted a VCP application package and the property was subsequently accepted into the VCP. In April 2006, the Brock Steel Company requested that the VCP application be withdrawn.

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