

PUBLISHERS PRINTING SERVICES (MD-417)
Jessup, Howard County, Maryland

Site Location

The Publishers Printing Service site is located at 10650 Riggs Hill Road near Jessup in Howard County, Maryland. The site was a printing facility, situated within one unit of a larger industrial park building.

Site History

The facility began operations in 1989 and was the first occupant of its unit following the development of the property into an industrial park in 1987. Publishers printed newspapers, catalogues, direct mail, and advertising circulars. As part of the equipment installation process, Publishers contacted the Howard County Department of Health in 1989, who told them that no waste discharge permit would be required. In 1992, Publishers declared bankruptcy. In 1995, Viking Office Products became the occupants of the facility and converted the facility into a distribution warehouse for office products.

Environmental Investigations

In 1991, the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Administration conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection and found that the following wastes were being stored, handled, and disposed improperly: CW Unlimited Dynamic Blanket Wash (containing methylene chloride and xylene [F002 and F003]) and the characteristic of ignitability (D001); and used photographic fixer and developer (containing silver, D011). Waste solutions were being disposed into drains. Publishers subsequently changed products to those that contained non-hazardous materials.

In 1992, the EPA conducted a Preliminary Assessment of the facility. Hazardous wastes (see above) were identified and five solid waste management units were identified.

Current Status

In 1997, MDE visited the site and found no evidence or observation suggestive of past storage, handling, or disposal of waste material.

Facility Contact

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