

Montgomery County

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On December 21, 1990, EPA designated the site as "No Further Remedial Action Planned."

In 1999, MDE performed a site survey and recommended further assessment.

VECTROL, INC. Rockville, Maryland

Site Location

The 1.14-acre former Vectrol, Inc. site is located at 1010 Westmore Avenue in Rockville, Maryland. The site is situated at the southern portion of several industrial parks north, east, and west of the property. A residential area is located south of the property.

Site History

In December 1960, Dynacor purchased the property from Robert and Harriet Beal, Norman and Nelda Reid, and Walter and Gladys Kolb and began operations assembling light electronic equipment. In October 1961, Sprague Electric merged with Dynacor and became Vectrol, Inc. Vectrol, Inc. assembled silicon-controlled rectifier firing circuits and power control systems in which freon was used to clean printed circuits.

In August 1977, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) inspected the site in response to a 1974 Solid Waste Study in which Vectrol, Inc. indicated that 14 drums (770 gallons) of solvents per year were disposed on plant property. The inspector observed that waste solvents were disposed in a dry well on site.

Sometime in 1978, Vectrol, Inc. relocated to Omar, Florida. In February 1979, Beach Brothers Printing, Inc. purchased the property at auction and began operations printing items such as business cards, letterheads, and envelopes. Sometime during the early 1980s, Beach Brothers Printing, Inc. added a 14,000 square foot addition to the existing 10,000 square foot building and renovations were made to the parking lot. The dry well into which Vectrol, Inc. dumped waste solvents and much of the surrounding soils were removed from the site. Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) files do not indicate how the site was used prior to 1960.

Environmental Investigations

In September 1990, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed a Preliminary Assessment to address past practices and current conditions at the site. The investigation found that Safety Kleen was contracted by Beach Brothers Printing to remove spent solvents used at the site (methylene chloride, xylene, naphtha, hydroxyacetic acid, phosphoric acid, ammonium dichromate, Arcal print cleaner #63, Arcal DGL, and waste ink).

Current Status

Since the site was referred back to MDE for further assessment, a site survey was conducted in 1999. Based on the survey, MDE believes that additional work is required to delineate the extent of contamination and determine if a removal or other remedial action is required.

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